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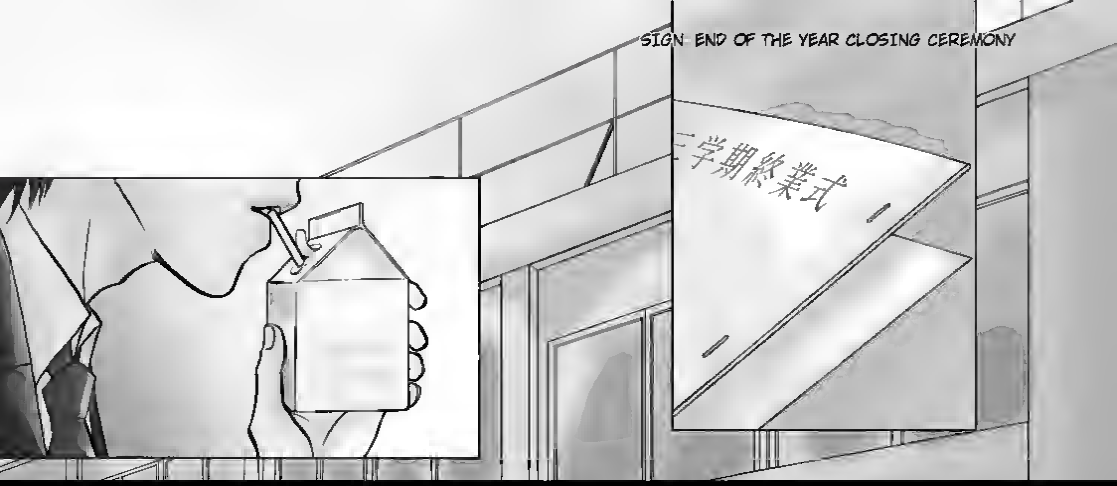
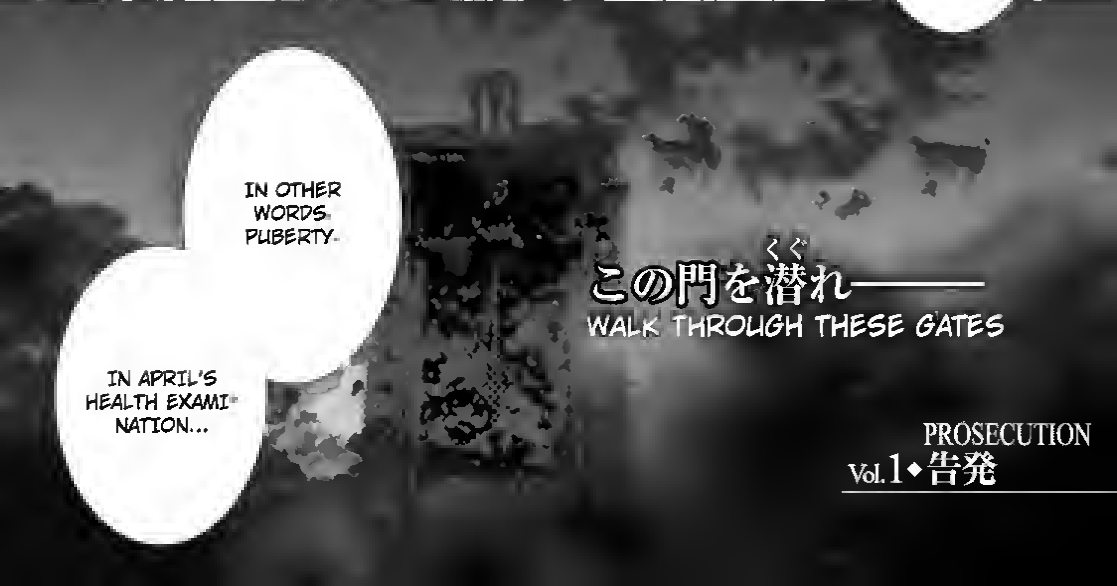


IF YOU WISH TO ENTER THE LAND OF ANXIETY

AS OF THIS YEAR, OUR SCHOOL HAS BECOME A MODEL SCHOOL FOR THE NATIONAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAIRY PRODUCT GEARING UP MOVEMENT.



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WALK THROUGH THESE GATES

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IF YOU WISH TO WALK THROUGH THESE GATES
WE WILL SEE HOW MUCH DAIRY PRODUCTS HAVE HAD EFFECT ON YOUR 13 YEAR OLD BODY AND MIND.
I CAN'T WAIT...
すべての望みを捨てよ
ABANDON ALL YOUR DESIRES
ALTHOUGH I WON'T BE HERE.

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SHE IS?
DUNNO.
YAWN
ふぁ
I DO HOPE I WAS A GOOD TEACHER,
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS.
BY THE WAY, DO YOU ALL KNOW MR. MASAYOSHI SAKURANOMIYA?

SFX. SPARKLE EYES
キラ
キラ
MR. SAKURANOMIYA WAS A DELIN-QUENT WHO GOT EXPELLED, THEN TRAVELED THE WORLD,
AND THEN BECAME A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AFTER HE RETURNED TO JAPAN, PUBLISHING BOOKS, GOING ON TV...
SFX. RAISES ARM QUICKLY
I DO!
I KNOW THAT TEACHER!
NO, NO WAY.
WHO IS THAT?
I'M A HUGE FAN OF HIS...
I SEE.
SMILE
LAST YEAR, MR. SAKURANOMIYA WAS TOLD THAT HE ONLY HAD A FEW MONTHS TO LIVE,
BUT HE CONTINUED TO ENGAGE IN TEACHING ACTIVITIES WITH PASSION.
THE FIRST JUNIOR HIGH I WORKED AT WAS...
ALSO WHERE HE WAS WORKING.

FLIP
パラ・・
NO WAY, REALLY?!
SHUT UP, ABE!
"THOSE WITH WEAK HEARTS TRAMPLE UPON THOSE WITH WEAKER HEARTS."
"ARE THE ONLY OPTIONS FOR THE TRAMPLED TO ENDURE"
"OR CHOOSE TO DIE?"
"NAY."
"THE WORLD IS MUCH BIGGER THAN THAT."

"IF YOU CANNOT ENDURE BEING WHERE YOU ARE,"
"THEN EVACUATE TO A DIFFERENT PLACE."
SFX: ABRUPTLY STAND
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I MAY HAVE BEEN AN INSUFFICIENT INSTRUCTOR.
COMPARED TO MR. SAKURA-NOMIYA,
AHAHAHA
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CHATTER
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CHATTER
ガヤ
WHO LISTENS TO YOUR EVERY PROBLEM,
IF YOU HAD WANTED A TEACHER LIKE IN TELEVISION SHOWS,

FOR THAT, I AM SORRY.
THEN I PROBABLY SEEMED STRICT.
AND ACTS AND SPEAKS TO YOU AS A FRIEND,
NO MATTER WHAT,
I CANNOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SAY WITHOUT A SPECK OF DOUBT.
YOU CAN'T TRUST YOUR STUDENTS WHEN YOU'RE A TEACHER?
OF COURSE; YOU ARE ALL SO GOOD AT LYING.

THERE WAS A CASE BACK IN THE DAY...
WHERE A YOUNG MALE TEACHER RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM HIS FEMALE STUDENT SAYING "I WANT TO DIE."
休憩…5000円
宿泊…12000
HE QUICKLY RUSHED TO THE HOTEL SHE WAS AT.
THEN SHE TOOK A PICTURE OF HIM.
THE STUDENT SHOWED THE PICTURE TO HER PARENTS.
IT WAS A PRANK PULLED BY THE STUDENT WHO COULDN'T STAND THE FACT THAT SHE WAS CORRECTED IN CLASS.

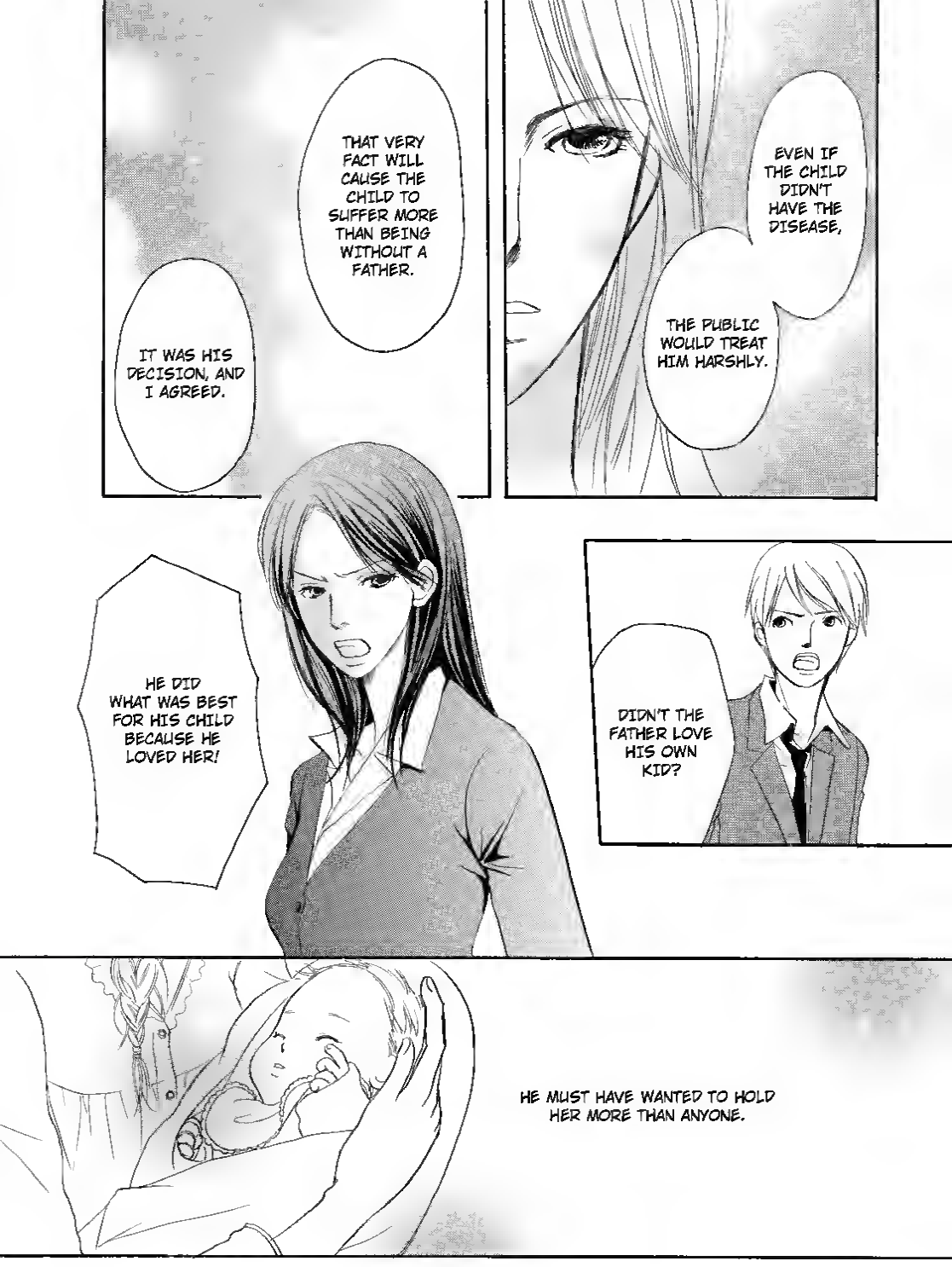
THAT TEACHER WAS NAIVE FOR NOT DOUBTING THE STUDENTS.
THE PARENTS WERE INFURIATED, AND REPORTED...
THAT'S STUPID.
TALK ABOUT BEING IRRESPONSIBLE AS A TEACHER.
A TEACHER WHO WAS CALLED OUT BY THE STUDENT OF THE OPPOSITE SEX
HAD TO ASK A TEACHER OF THE SAME SEX TO GO HELP THE STUDENT.
EVER SINCE THE INCIDENT, AT THIS SCHOOL,

YOU LIVE IN YOUR OWN WORLD, SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT MARRYING AN IDOL,
AND THEN ONE NIGHT, YOU FORGET WHY YOU LIVE AND WRITE AN EMAIL SAYING "I WANT TO DIE."
IT MAY SEEM THAT WAY TO YOU, NOGUCHI.
I SEE.
I WILL GIVE YOU AN IMPORTANT SPEECH
SO THAT YOU'LL NEVER THINK ABOUT DYING AGAIN.
THIS IS FOR ALL MY STUDENTS.
SFX HIGH PITCH CHALK ON BLACKBOARD

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
命
LIFE
BAM

I AM A SINGLE MOTHER.
I FOUND OUT I WAS PREGNANT BEFORE MY WEDDING,
AND ALSO FOUND OUT THAT MY FIANCÉ HAD HIV.
HIV - HUMAN IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY VIRUS.
IT'S THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES AIDS.
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S NOT CONTAGIOUS THROUGH IR-
ギクッ

EVEN IF YOU SHAKE HANDS, COUGH, SNEEZE, OR SHARE A BATH OR POOL,
THE VIRUS WON'T BE TRANSMITTED.
QUIVER
ビクッ
HEE
EVEN IF SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE HAD A DISEASE, IT WON'T AFFECT YOUR DAILY LIFE.
IN FACT, I DON'T HAVE THE VIRUS.
THEN SAY THAT FIRST!
RELIEF
EVEN IF YOU HAVE SEX, YOU WON'T ALWAYS RECEIVE THE DISEASE.
SO WE DECIDED TO BEAR OUR CHILD,
BUT CHOSE TO STAY SINGLE.


EVEN IF THE CHILD DIDN'T HAVE THE DISEASE,
THE PUBLIC WOULD TREAT HIM HARSHLY.
THAT VERY FACT WILL CAUSE THE CHILD TO SUFFER MORE THAN BEING WITHOUT A FATHER.
IT WAS HIS DECISION, AND I AGREED.
DIDN'T THE FATHER LOVE HIS OWN KID?
HE DID WHAT WAS BEST FOR HIS CHILD BECAUSE HE LOVED HER!
HE MUST HAVE WANTED TO HOLD HER MORE THAN ANYONE.

I BELIEVE HE WAS IN MUCH MORE PAIN THAN I WAS.
MANAMI...
FOR HIS SAKE, I LOVED MANAMI WITH ALL MY HEART.

AFTER MANAMI TURNED ONE, I CAME BACK FROM MY MATERNITY LEAVE.
I LEFT HER AT CHILD CARE UNTIL 6 PM,
AND AFTER 6, I LEFT HER IN THE CARE OF MS. TAKENAKA, WHO I MET THROUGH A TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.
LOOK, MANAMI'S FEEDING MUKU.

I PICKED HER UP EARLY ON WEDNESDAYS BEFORE MY STAFF MEETINGS.
AND HAD HER WAIT IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE AT SCHOOL.
MS. TAKENAKA FELL ILL THIS YEAR AND WAS HOSPITALIZED.
SO MANAMI IS NOW BACK IN CHILD CARE.
MAMA!
SFX: DOOR OPENS
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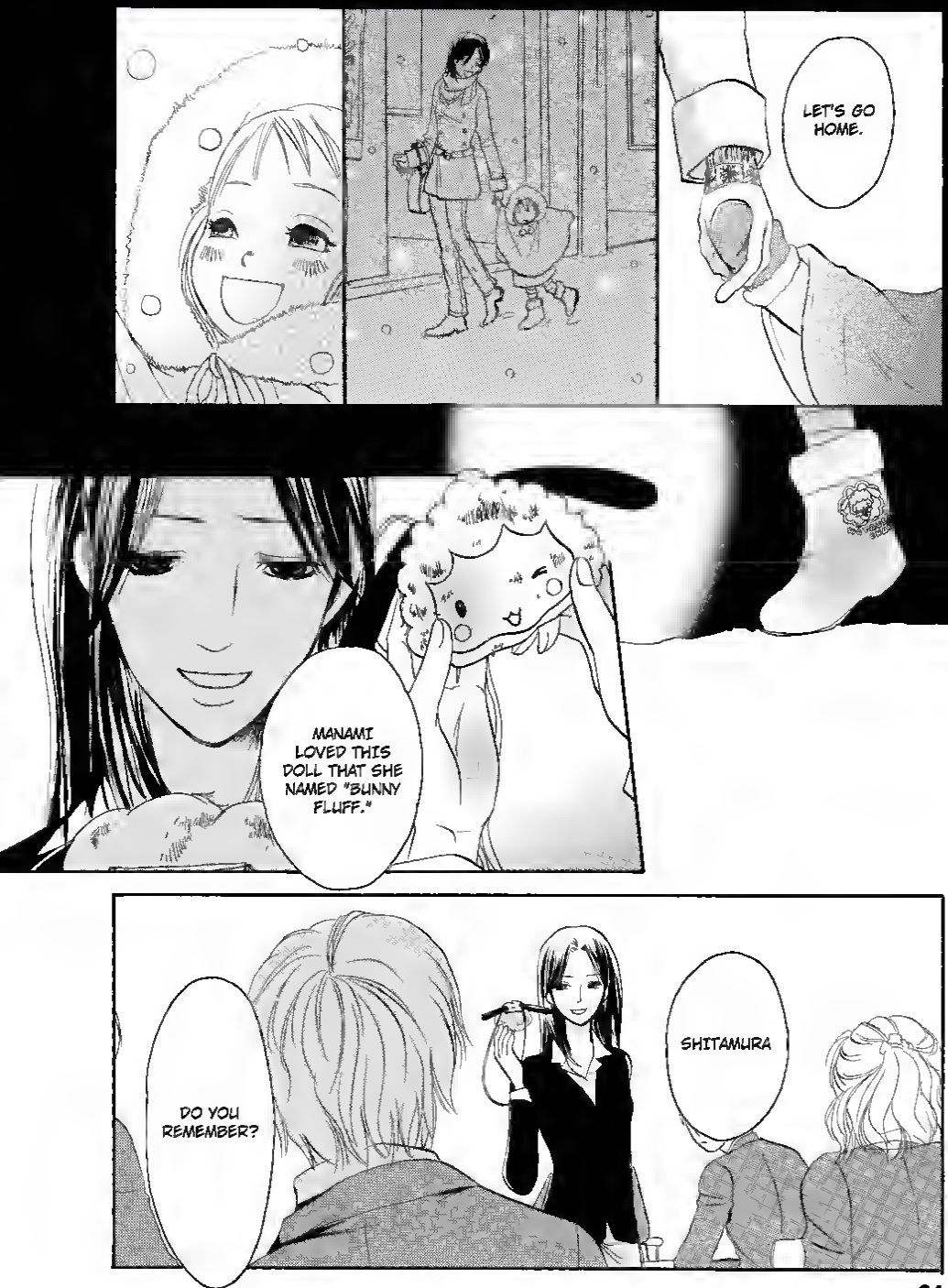
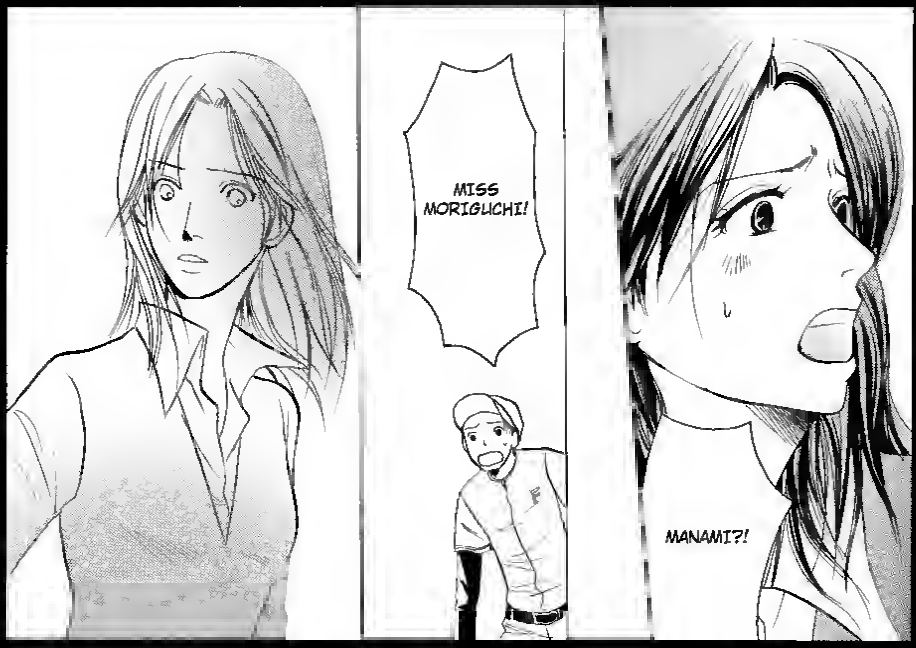
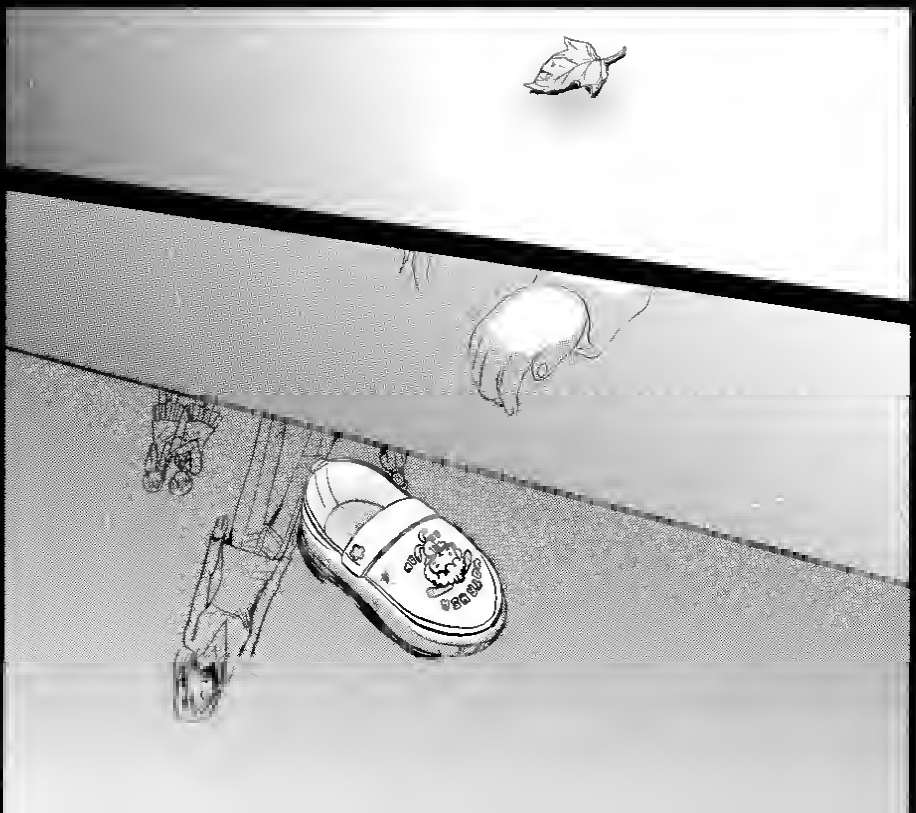
I'M SORRY, MANAMI!
REALLY? YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GIRL, MANAMI.
SFX: RUN
I DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK OUR PROMISE, SO I DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE!
I DIDN'T TAKE A STEP OUT OF THIS ROOM.


LET'S GO HOME.
MANAMI LOVED THIS DOLL THAT SHE NAMED "BUNNY FLUFF."
SHITAMURA
DO YOU REMEMBER?

NO. I WANT THIS ONE!
LOOK MANAMI, YOU HAVE THIS PINK SWEATER.
SFX: CRYING
うわぁぁぁん
THIS POCHETTE
JUST BUY IT FOR HER
IT'S JUST 700 YEN
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN RIGHT THAT TIME...
IN THE END, IT...

FEBRUARY 13TH
TURNED OUT TO BE HER LAST SELFISH WISH
MANAMI!
WHERE ARE YOU?


MISS MORIGUCHI!
MANAMI?!



M NAMI!
.. MI
SPLASH
MISS!
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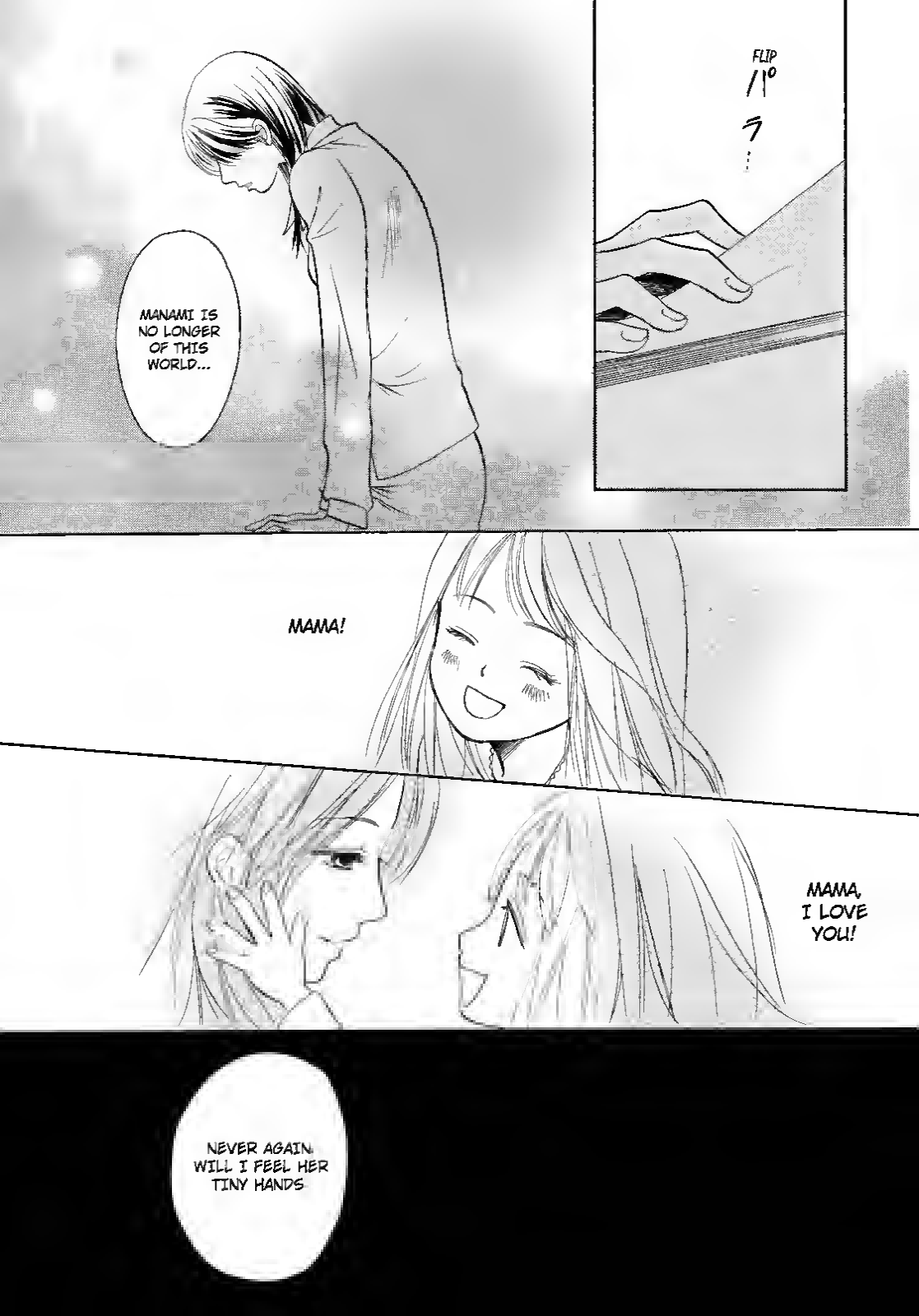
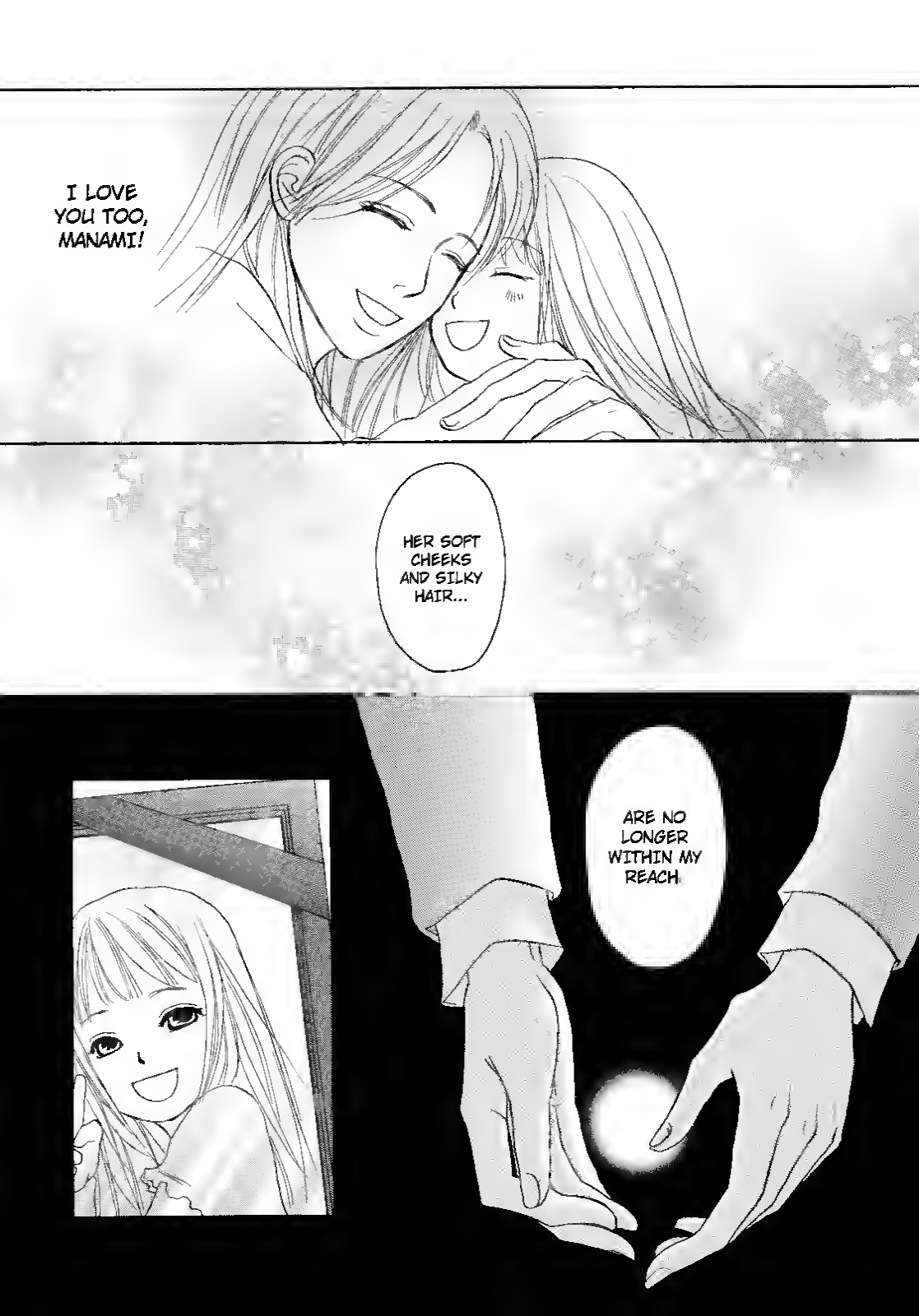
NOOOOOOOOO!!

SHE WAS FEEDING HER BREAD FROM LUNCH TO MUKU.
SHE WAS PAYING A VISIT TO THE POOL BEHIND MY BACK EVERY WEEK.
THE POLICE CONCLUDED WAS AN ACCIDENT.
THAT SHE FELL INTO THE POOL

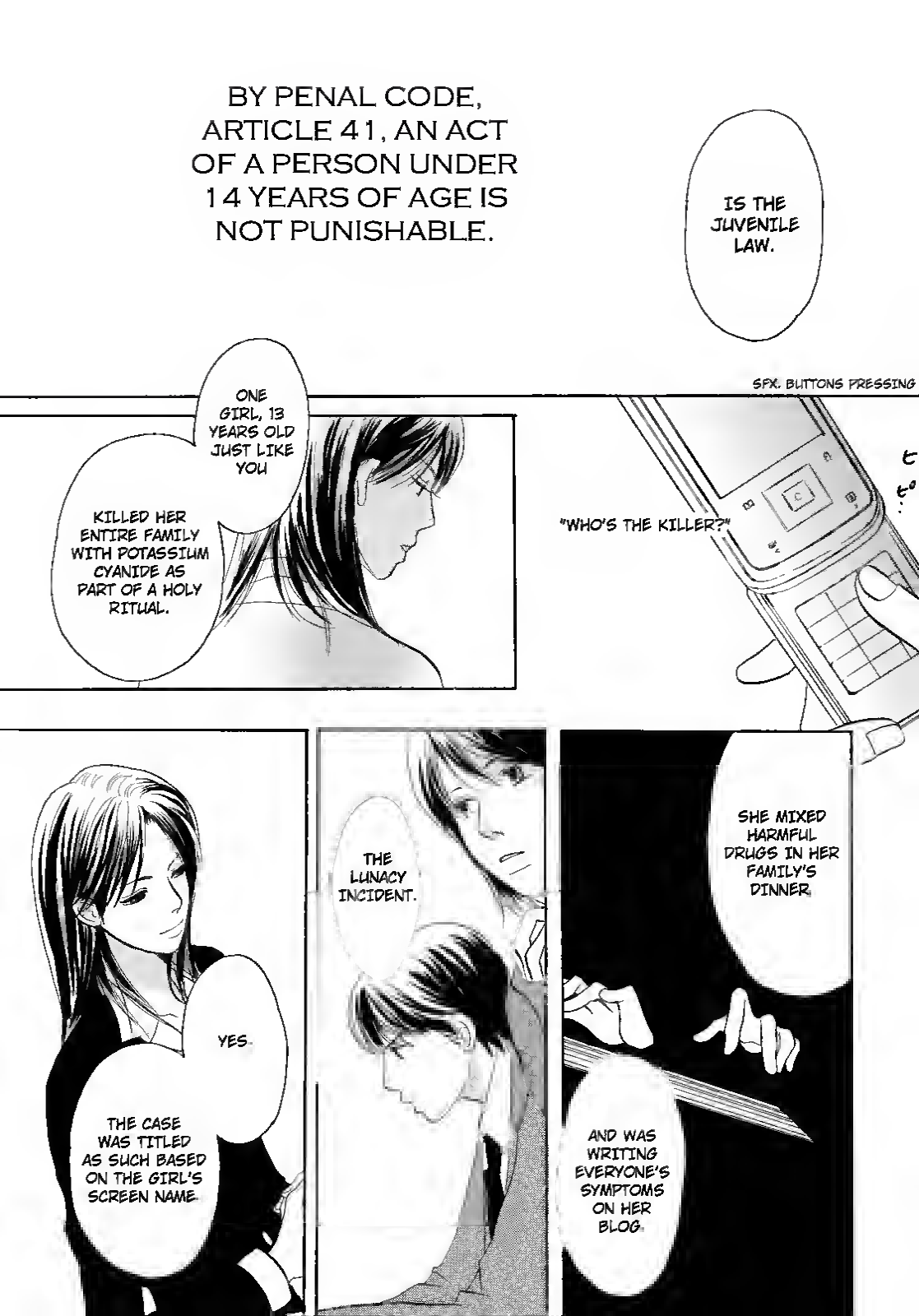

MANAMI IS NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD...
FLIP
MAMA!
MAMA, I LOVE YOU!
NEVER AGAIN. WILL I FEEL HER TINY HANDS


I LOVE YOU TOO, MANAMI!
HER SOFT CHEEKS AND SILKY HAIR...
ARE NO LONGER WITHIN MY REACH.

I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DEATH AS HER MOTHER.
I WON'T LET IT END HERE!
GRASP
HOWEVER...

MANAMI DIDN'T DIE BY ACCIDENT.
SHE WAS
KILLED BY A STUDENT
FROM THIS CLASS.

HEY
MORI-GUCHI'S SAYING SOMETHING CRAZY RIGHT NOW!
BAM
SFX: FOOTSTEPS RUNNING AWAY FROM SCENE
WHAT PROTECTS YOUR LIVES?
YOUR PARENTS? YOUR WEAPONS?
WHAT FIRMLY STANDS AND PROTECTS YOUR LIVES WITH ASSURANCE...


BY PENAL CODE, ARTICLE 41, AN ACT OF A PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE IS NOT PUNISHABLE.
IS THE JUVENILE LAW.
SFX. BUTTONS PRESSING
"WHO'S THE KILLER?"
ONE GIRL, 13 YEARS OLD JUST LIKE YOU
KILLED HER ENTIRE FAMILY WITH POTASSIUM CYANIDE AS PART OF A HOLY RITUAL.
SHE MIXED HARMFUL DRUGS IN HER FAMILY'S DINNER.
AND WAS WRITING EVERYONE'S SYMPTOMS ON HER BLOG.
THE LUNACY INCIDENT.
YES.
THE CASE WAS TITLED AS SUCH BASED ON THE GIRL'S SCREEN NAME.

THE MASS MEDIA STIRRED UP THE INCIDENT,
AND FOOLISHLY, SOME OF KIDS WENT AS FAR AS WORSHIPPING HER.
TWITCH
SO LONG AS THE JUVENILE LAW EXISTS, THE GIRL CANNOT BE PUNISHED.
IN OTHER WORDS,
YOU WILL NOT BE PUNISHED FOR ANY MURDER.
YOU CAN KILL WITH A TOOL, OR EVEN WITH YOUR BARE HANDS.
MANAMI'S FATHER WAS MR. MASAYOSHI SAKURANOMIYA.

MANAMI.
IT'S ME, PAPA.
NICE TO MEET YOU.

I WISH I COULD LET HIM HOLD HER ALIVE.
WHIMPER
SNIFF
FATE WAS EVER SO CRUEL TO US.
I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SEE HER RIGHT NOW.
THANK YOU FOR RAISING HER TO BE SO BIG.

I COULDN'T FIND ANY WORDS TO GIVE HIM.
I HAVE AIDS.
FLIP
I ALSO LOST SOMETHING VERY PRECIOUS IN MY HEART.
PERHAPS WHEN I LOST MANAMI,
AND THIS TOO...
LAST WEEK, I RECEIVED MANAMI'S BELONGINGS THAT MS. TAKENAKA H.D.
I FOUND IT IN MUKU'S SHED

MUKU HIDES THE BALL IN THE SHED, SO IS THIS HERS TOO?
YOUR STUDENTS PLAY CATCH ALL THE TIME WHILE THEY CLEAN THE POOL, YOU KNOW?
WHY WAS IT THERE?
IT WAS THE POCHETTE MANAMI WANTED, BUT I NEVER BOUGHT IT FOR HER.
THAT'S WHEN I REMEMBE-RED...
THAT STUDENTS WHO BROKE THE SCHOOL RULES
WERE PUT ON CLEANING DUTY AT THE POOL OR THE GYM AS PUNISHMENT.
RUSTLE
WHO?
RUSTLE
WHO BROKE THE RULES?
THAT DAY...

WAS MANAMI...
TRULY ALONE?
SFX: HEAVY RAIN
THERE WERE TWO CULPRITS.
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
FLASH
"SHRIEK"

GENIUS SCIENTIST'S RESEARCH LAB

IN THE PROCESS OF INVENTING NEW MACHINES!

HE UPLOADS PICTURES OF THE ANIMALS HE KILLED WITH IT ONTO HIS SITE.
EXECUTION MACHINE? IT'S SOME WEIRD TOOL THAT HE MADE.
HE'S DEFINITELY CRAZY!

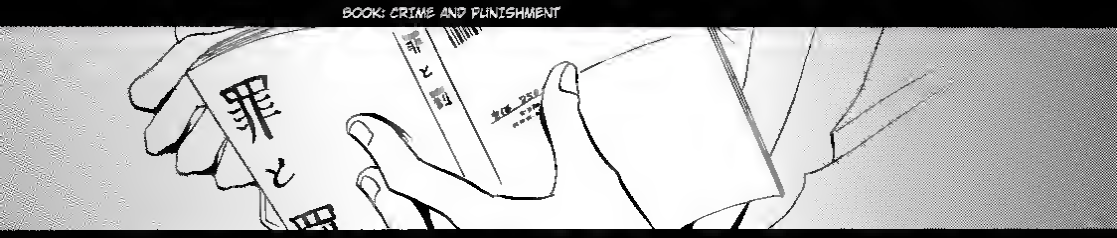
ANTICIPATE!

I ASKED SOME TEACHERS AT A'S GRADE SCHOOL.
BUT THEY SAID THERE WEREN'T ANY PROBLEMS.
SO I DIDN'T THINK TOO DEEPLY INTO IT.
HOWE-VER...
HEY, YOU SPECIALIZE IN CHEMISTRY, RIGHT?
YES.
WHAT ABOUT ELECTRO-NICS?
YOUR FATHER WOULD BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THAT BE-CAUSE HE RUNS AN ELECTRONICS STORE.
OPEN THIS.

ISN'T IT AMAZING?
SHRIEK
SLIT
HURRY!
SFX: UNZIP
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SAY?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT? KILL AN ANIMAL?
I MADE IT.

...
SLAP!
HEY.
CAN YOU HEAR IT, MISS?
HM?

CAN YOU HEAR THE SOUND
OF LOSING SOMETHING PRECIOUS?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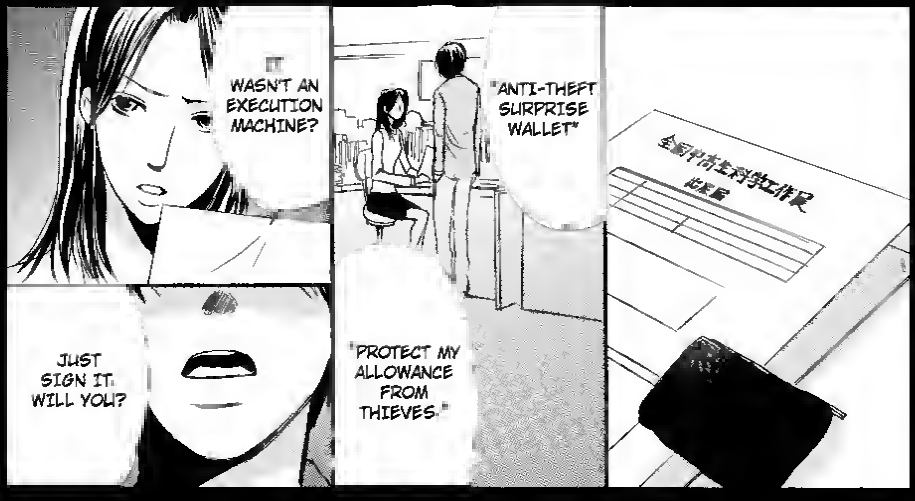

IT WASN'T AN EXECUTION MACHINE?
JUST SIGN IT, WILL YOU?
"ANTI-THEFT SURPRISE WALLET"
"PROTECT MY ALLOWANCE FROM THIEVES."

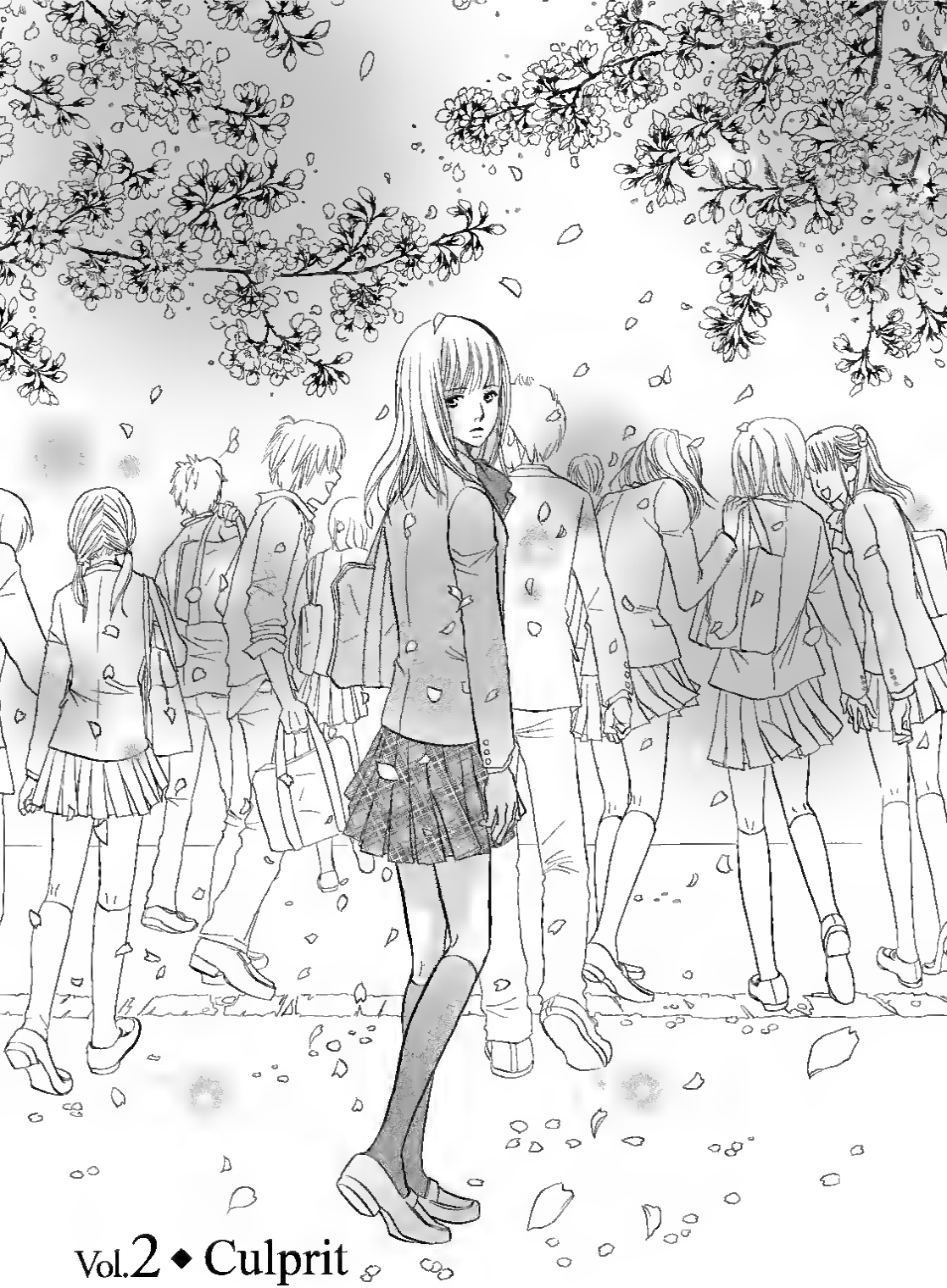
ULTIMATELY, HIS "ANTI-THEFT SURPRISE WALLET" WON THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE FAIR.
BOTH FILLED ME WITH FEAR.
AND HIS WAY OF WRITING A SCIENCE REPORT LIKE AN INNOCENT MIDDLE SCHOOLER...
THE FACT THAT HE ADDED AN ON/OFF FUNCTION FOR SAFETY,
TWITCH
A'S MOTIVE FOR MURDER WAS RIDI-CULOUSLY SIMPLE.

HE WANTED THE WORLD TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS TALENT.
HE WANTED ATTENTION AS THE MOST PRODIGIOUS MAN ALIVE.
HOWEVER ON THE DAY HIS INVENTION MADE THE NEWS,
THE WORLD HAD THEIR ATTENTION ON A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL
YOU KILLED MANAMI WITH YOUR INVENTION, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
NO ONE EVER LOOKS AT THE GOOD DEEDS

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT POTASSIUM CYANIDE?
AFTER ALL
I CAN MAKE THE TOOL TO USE FOR KILLING!
SLAP
NOW THAT'S AMAZING! AHAHAHA!

I WANTED TO KILL HIM.

SFX: EVERYONE TURNS AT ONCE



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I WANTED TO KILL HIM.
"STUDENT A'S NAME IS SHUYA WATANABE."
『少年Aは渡辺修哉(わたなべしゅうや)!!』
THAT'S TRULY HOW I FELT TOWARDS HIM, THE BOY WHO KILLED MANAMI.

BOOK TITLE:
"CRIME AND PUNISHMENT"
THERE WAS ONE OTHER CULPRIT.
THIS IS WHAT I FOUND OUT ABOUT STUDENT B, FROM HIS FAMILY...
STUDENT B USED TO BE PART OF THE SPORTS CLUB, WHEN HE ENTERED SCHOOL.
BUT HE FELT DISSATISFIED, SINCE HE WASN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO HOLD A RACKET...
WRITINGS:
DIE!
DIE!
...
BANG
BANG
BANG!
DIE!
DIE!
YES, HE SUDDENLY SAID HE WANTED TO QUIT THE CLUB...

GAME
ガバッ
ガバッ
PANT
POLICE
PANT
HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER !?
WAIT UP, YOU LOSER!

SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT!!
WHY ISN'T MS. MORIGUCHI THE ONE TO PICK ME UP?
AS A PUNISHMENT, HE WAS PUT ON DUTY TO CLEAN THE POOL AND GYM STORAGE ROOM FOR TWO WEEKS.
BECAUSE HE BROKE THE SCHOOL'S RULES, THAT FORBID STUDENTS TO GO TO GAME CENTERS.

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ガタ
"WHAT? HIM?"
『まさか あいつ?』
ざわ
『そんな根性ある?』
"I NEVER KNEW HE HAD THE GUTS FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!"
キンコーン
I'M GOING HOME.
...
TIME FOR CLUB PRAC-TICE.
WRITINGS: DIE! DIE!

REALLY!? PLEASE LEND IT TO ME!
I ALSO HAVE THEIR LIVE CD FROM LAST YEAR WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW IT?
I WONDER IF THERE IS ANYONE...
OH, THAT!
THAT'S THE THING THAT YOU WON THAT PRIZE WITH, RIGHT?
I INCREASED THE POWER OF IT...
I WANT TO TRY IT ON SOMEONE.
...OR UMM...
...
HOW ABOUT TOKURA FROM GROUP A?

I ALREADY TRIED IT ON MORI-GUCHI.
EH? UMM... I SEE...
MORI-GUCHI!
EVEN WHEN ONE OF HER OWN STUDENTS IS IN TROUBLE SHE JUST ASKS ANOTHER TEACHER TO LOOK INTO IT.
THEN HOW ABOUT...
...MORI-GUCHI'S DAUGHTER !?
LET'S SHOW HER WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SHE PRIORITIZES HER OWN KID OVER HER STUDENTS.

MANAMI?
THIS IS THE THING YOUR MOMMY WOULDN'T BUY YOU ISN'T IT?
OR DID SHE BUY IT FOR YOU AFTER ALL?

STUDENT B KNEW THAT MANAMI ALWAYS FED MUKU,
AND HE ALSO KNEW ABOUT THE POCHETTE THAT I WOULDN'T BUY FOR HER.
"STUDENT B HAS TO BE NAOKI SHIMOMURA!!!"
『Bは下村直樹(しもむらなおき)で確定!!!』

YOUR MOMMY ASKED US TO GO BUY THIS FOR YOU!
THE PERSON THEY CHOSE AS THEIR TARGET.
SO SMALL AND DEFENSE-LESS... MY DAUGHTER...
YES, IT'S A PRESENT FROM YOUR MOST WONDER-FUL MOMMY!
OPEN IT UP. THERE'S CHOCOLATE INSIDE

OKAY!
SHOCK
HUH?
HEY...
SHE'S NOT MOVING! WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER!?

SHE'S DEAD.
DIE!
HUH!?
AHEAD AND TELL EVERY-BODY
THAT I DID IT.

IF PEOPLE FIND OUT...
I WILL BECOME THE MAIN SUSPECT!
THAT THE POCHETTE KILLED HER.
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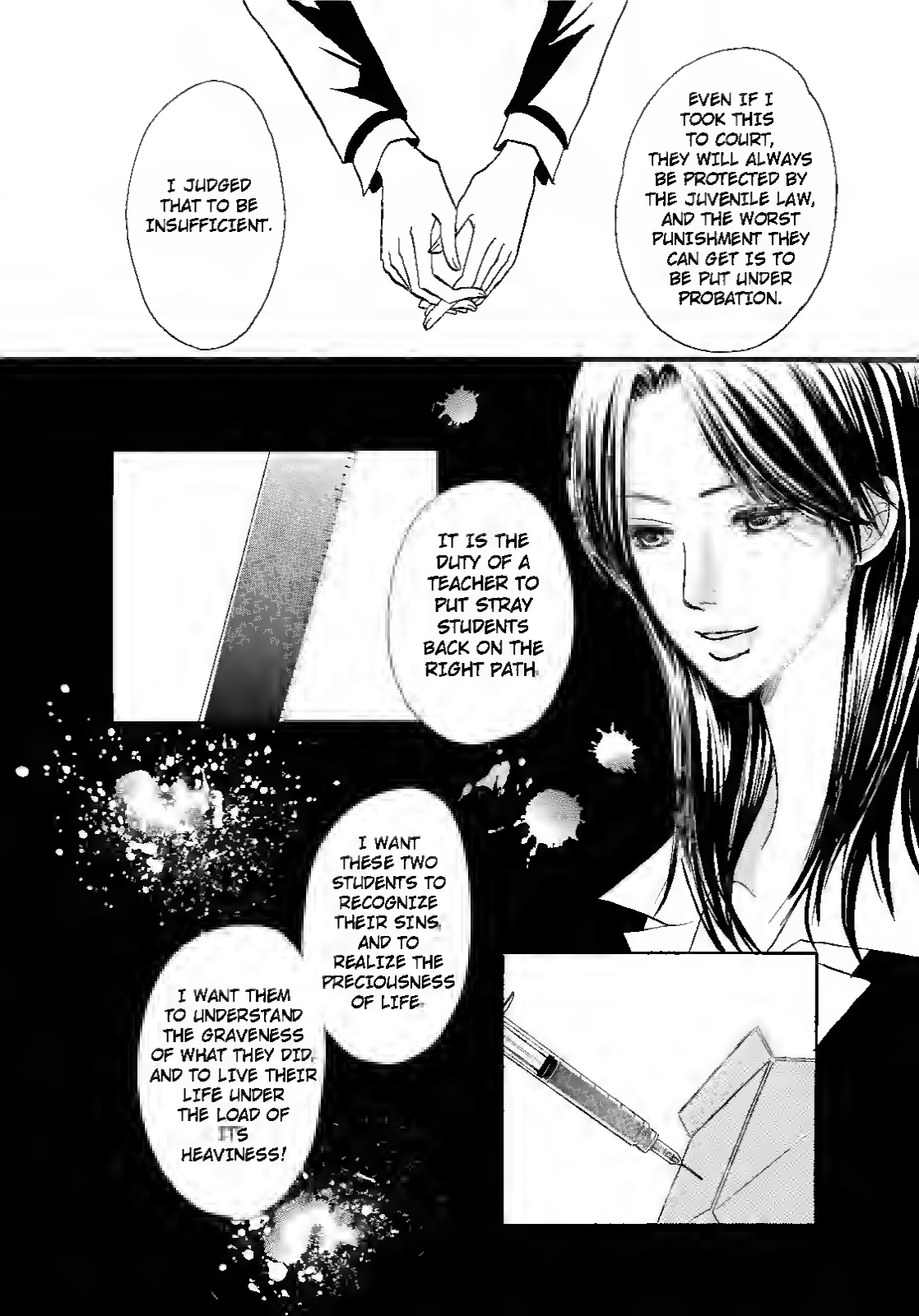
ワン

AND THAT AFTER IT WAS SO SUCCESFUL...
ARGH...
THAT IDIOT!!
I'M SORRY !!
I'M SO SORRY !!

THIS IS...
POOR NAOKI...
POOR BOY...
I'M SORRY ...
THE TRUTH ABOUT MANAMI'S DEATH.

A SHOCK FROM A LITTLE DEVICE LIKE THAT CAN'T KILL A FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL.
I ALREADY SAID SO... IF THE POLICE DECLARED IT AS AN ACCIDENT, I WON'T MAKE A CASE OUT OF IT.
BUT REALIZE THAT IT WASN'T THE POCHETTE THAT KILLED HER.
SHE WAS MERELY UNCONSCIOUS ...
SHE DROWNED AFTER STUDENT B THREW HER IN THE POOL
THAT WAS THE TRUE CAUSE OF HER DEATH
STUDENT A, WHO HAD THE INTENT TO KILL, WASN'T THE ONE THAT DID IT.
AND STUDENT B, WHO DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTENT TO KILL, ENDED UP KILLING HER.
ISN'T IT IRONIC?


I JUDGED THAT TO BE INSUFFICIENT.
EVEN IF I TOOK THIS TO COURT, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE PROTECTED BY THE JUVENILE LAW, AND THE WORST PUNISHMENT THEY CAN GET IS TO BE PUT UNDER PROBATION.
IT IS THE DUTY OF A TEACHER TO PUT STRAY STUDENTS BACK ON THE RIGHT PATH.
I WANT THESE TWO STUDENTS TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SINS, AND TO REALIZE THE PRECIOUSNESS OF LIFE.
I WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVENESS OF WHAT THEY DID, AND TO LIVE THEIR LIFE UNDER THE LOAD OF ITS HEAVINESS!

IN THE MILK OF THE TWO CULPRITS...
THE MILK YOU JUST DRANK...
I INFUSED THE HIV-CONTAMINATED BLOOD OF MASAYOSHI SAKURANOMIYA.

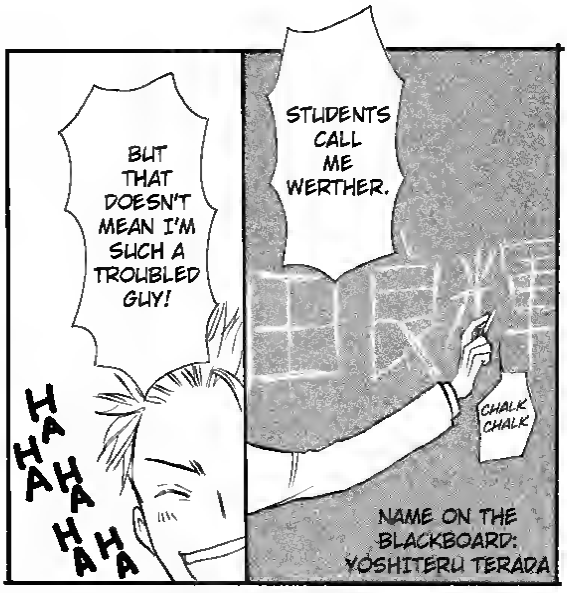
WHA-AAA-AA-AAA-AA-AAH!!
!!
IS SHE SERIOUS!?
BE QUIET!!

I WOULD CERTAINLY ADVISE BOTH OF YOU TO GET YOUR BLOOD EXAMINED.
I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF THEM FOR DRINKING UP THEIR MILK TO THE BOTTOM.
THE DISEASE ONLY BECOMES ACTIVE AFTER FIVE TO TEN YEARS...
SO YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PONDER OVER THE TERRIBLE CRIME YOU'VE COMMITTED.

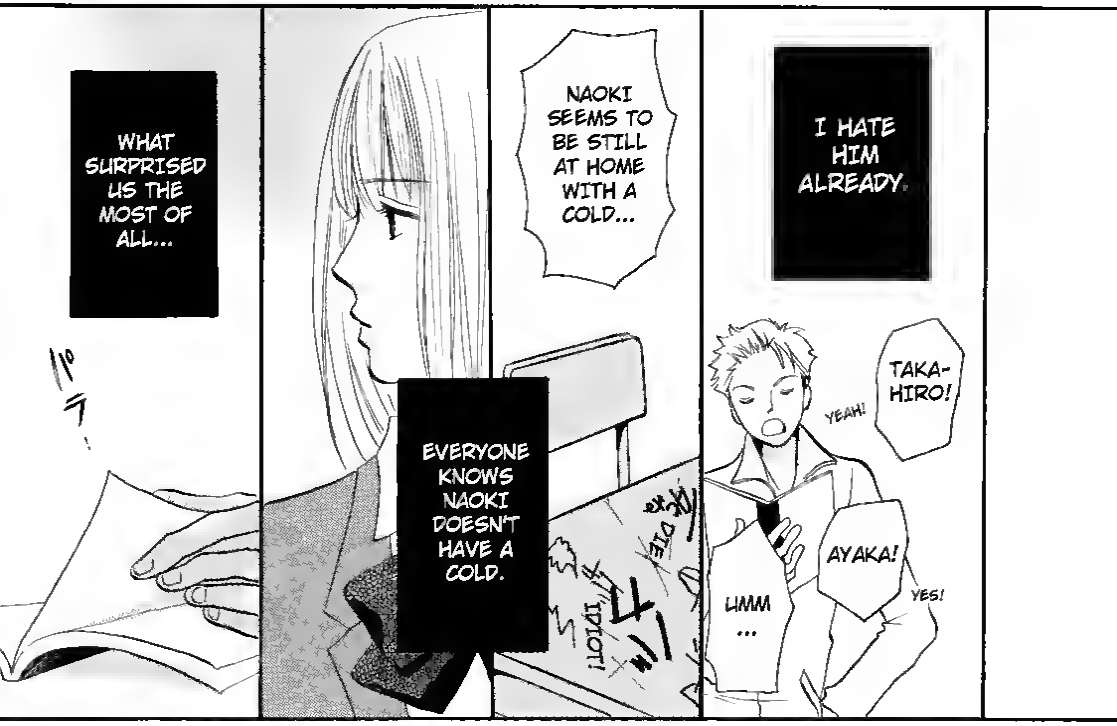
IT'S THE SEASON WHERE LIFE BLOOMS AT ITS BEST.
FLOWERS, TREES, GRASSES, BIRDS AND HUMAN BEINGS...
SPRING ...
A TRULY MEANINGFUL SPRING BREAK!
I WISH EVERY-ONE

THAT'S ALL.
APRIL

WAS IT REALLY TRUE WHAT SHE SAID?
MS. MORI-GUCHI...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW EVERYONE CAN BE SMILING LIKE THAT.
THIS CLASS, HEADING INTO A NEW SEMESTER ...
MR. WERTHER IS LOOKING WAY TOO HAPPY!
AHAHAHA!
THIS GUY, TRYING TO ACT ALL FAMILIAR FROM THE VERY START.
THIS IS OUR NEW HOME ROOM TEACHER. WE ADVANCED TO SECOND GRADE, BUT REMAINED AS THE SAME GROUP.
GOOD MORNING!
TIME TO TAKE ATTENDAN-CE!


STUDENTS CALL ME WERTHER.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M SUCH A TROUBLED GUY!
HA HA HA HA HA
CHALK CHALK
NAME ON THE BLACKBOARD: YOSHITERU TERADA

NOTE: WERTHER IS THE NAME OF THE MAIN CHARACTER OF AN OPERA CALLED: "THE SORROWS OF YOUNG WERTHER"



THEY ALL JUST WANT TO RUN FROM THE TRUTH...
THAT MS. MORI-GUCHI TOLD US ABOUT.
EVERYONE IS PROBABLY JUST SCARED...
...WAS THAT SHUYA WAS JUST COMING TO SCHOOL AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.
AND THAT'S WHY THEY ALL TURNED INTO A BUNCH OF IDIOTS.
EVERY-ONE, I'M SORRY!!
MAY

I'VE BEEN LYING ABOUT THE REASON WHY NAOKI HAS BEEN ABSENT ALL THE TIME! HE DOESN'T HAVE A COLD!
BUT IT'S NOT THAT NAOKI IS JUST SKIPPING SCHOOL!
HE CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL BECAUSE OF A HEART DISEASE!
『森口の告白を外に漏らしたヤツは
少年Cとみなす!――』
ANYONE WHO REVEALS MORIGUCHI'S SECRET WILL BE CONSIDERED STUDENT C
THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTION, BUT HOW ABOUT WE MAKE IT EASIER FOR NAOKI TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL?
FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE ALL COPY OUR NOTES ONE PERSON AT A TIME,
ME AND MIZUKI, THE CLASS REP CAN DELIVER THOSE NOTES TO HIM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIZUKI?
...SURE.
BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF NICK-NAME?
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!
HUH?
MIZU-HO!!

MIZU-HO!
MIZU-HO!!
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ミジホッ
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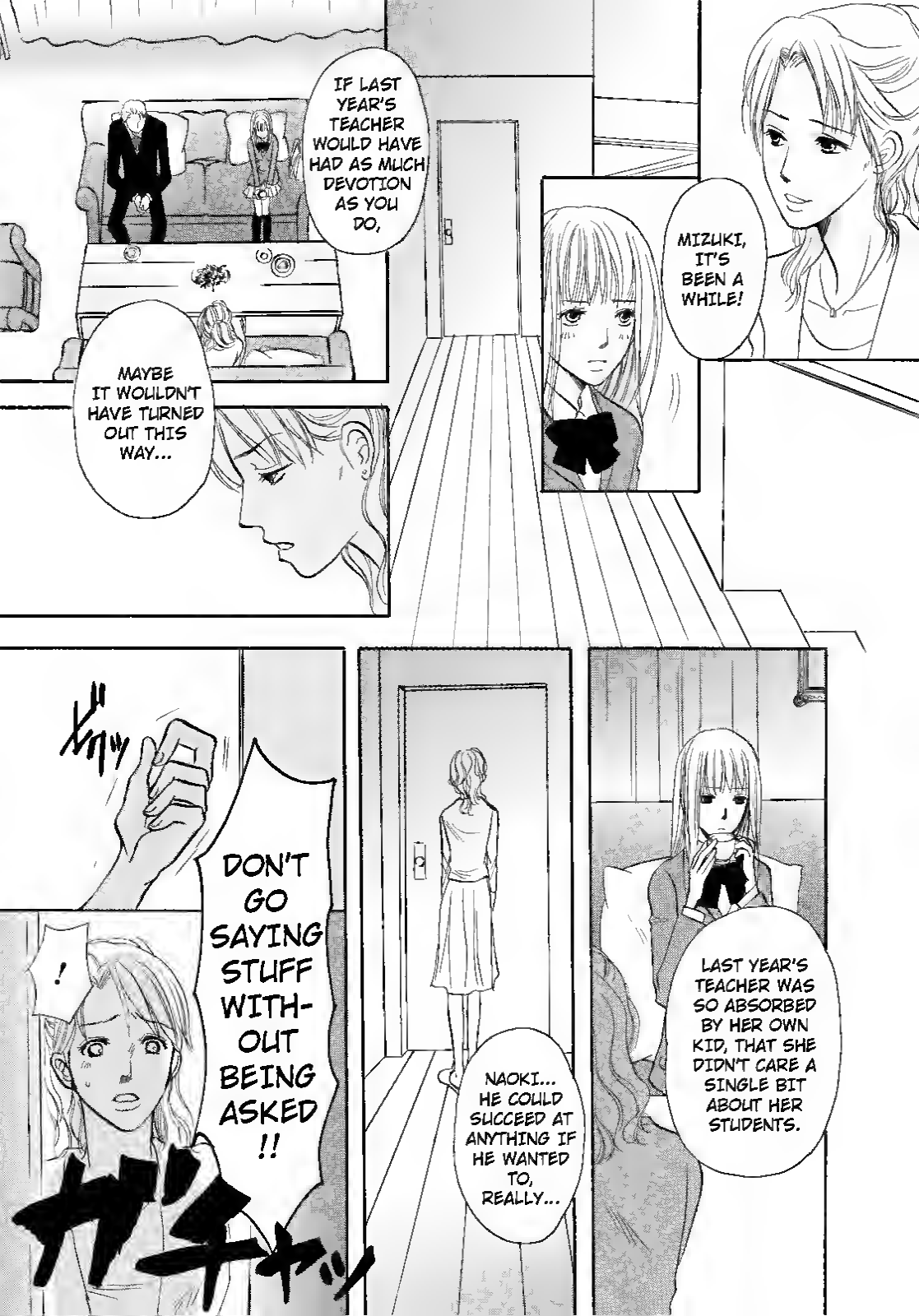
ALL RIGHT! LET'S ALL CALL HER MIZUHO FROM TODAY ON!
"STUPID MIZUKI -> MIZUHO !!"
NOTE: A JAPANESE WORD FOR STUPID/IDIOT IS 'AHO'. MIZUKI + AHO MAKES MIZUHO
SHI-MO-MURA


IF LAST YEAR'S TEACHER WOULD HAVE HAD AS MUCH DEVOTION AS YOU DO,
MAYBE IT WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT THIS WAY...
MIZUKI, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
LAST YEAR'S TEACHER WAS SO ABSORBED BY HER OWN KID, THAT SHE DIDN'T CARE A SINGLE BIT ABOUT HER STUDENTS.
NAOKI... HE COULD SUCCEED AT ANYTHING IF HE WANTED TO, REALLY...
DON'T GO SAYING STUFF WITH-OUT BEING ASKED !!
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NAO...
NAOKI !?
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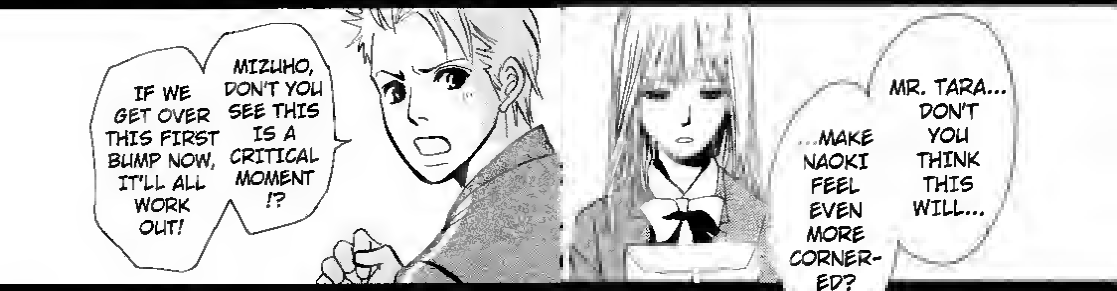
NAO...
STAY BACK !!
IT...
... NOT THERE ...
U...
U...
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH ME!!
MURDERER
DON'T TOUCH ME!

HEHE...
YOU! YOU DON'T REGRET WHAT YOU DID AT ALL DO YOU!?
『人殺しに天罰を！
制裁ポイントを集めろ!!』
"LET THAT MURDERER FEEL THE DIVINE PUNISHMENT! GET AS MANY PUNISHMENT POINTS AS YOU CAN!!"

YOU'RE NEVER ALONE!


MIZUHO, DON'T YOU SEE THIS IS A CRITICAL MOMENT !?
IF WE GET OVER THIS FIRST BUMP NOW, IT'LL ALL WORK OUT!
MR. TARA... DON'T YOU THINK THIS WILL...
...MAKE NAOKI FEEL EVEN MORE CORNERED?

WE KNOW THIS IS A TOUGH WORLD...

BUT,
POOR BOY ...
WE BELIEVE IN YOU!
HE'S NOT A BAD BOY...
NAOKI ISN'T A BAD BOY!
IT'S JUST THAT HE GOT DECEIVED !
HE USED TO BE SO KIND.
NEVER GIVE UP!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE REASON...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL INFERIOR TOWARDS SHUYA JUST BECAUSE HE IS GETTING GOOD GRADES!
LISTEN! THIS IS NOT A CASE OF BULLYING, BUT JUST SOME CHILDISH HARASSMENT
There's a case of bullying going on in this class. The name of the boy who's getting bullied, is Shuya Watanabe.
JUNE

MIZU-HO!
YOU MUST BE THE ONE WHO WROTE THAT NOTE!
OW!
SO THAT'S EASY TO CONCLU-DE.
AFTER ALL, YOU HAVEN'T EARNED ANY PUNISHMENT POINTS YET.
NO...
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR MS. MORI-GUCHI!?
YOU'RE TAKING THE SIDE OF A MUR-DERER!

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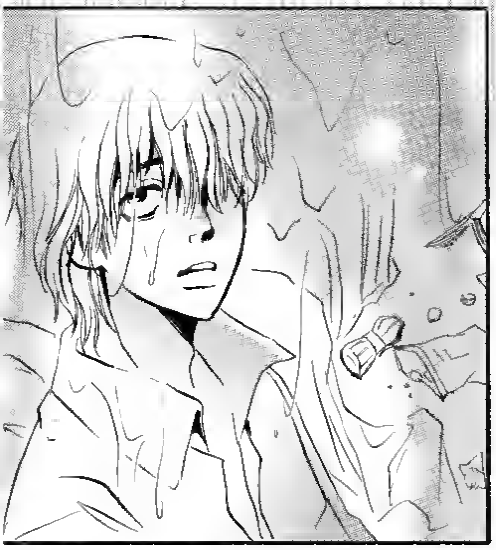
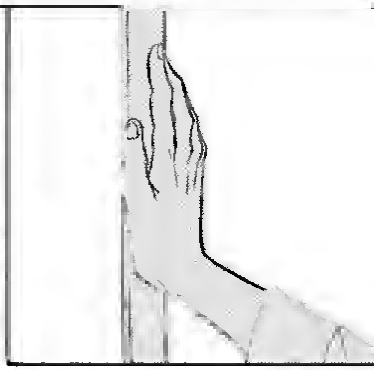
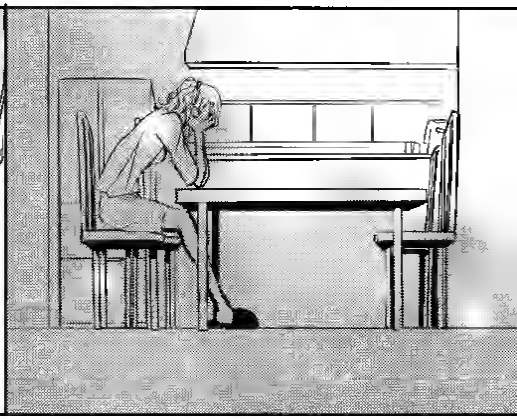


TEACHER...

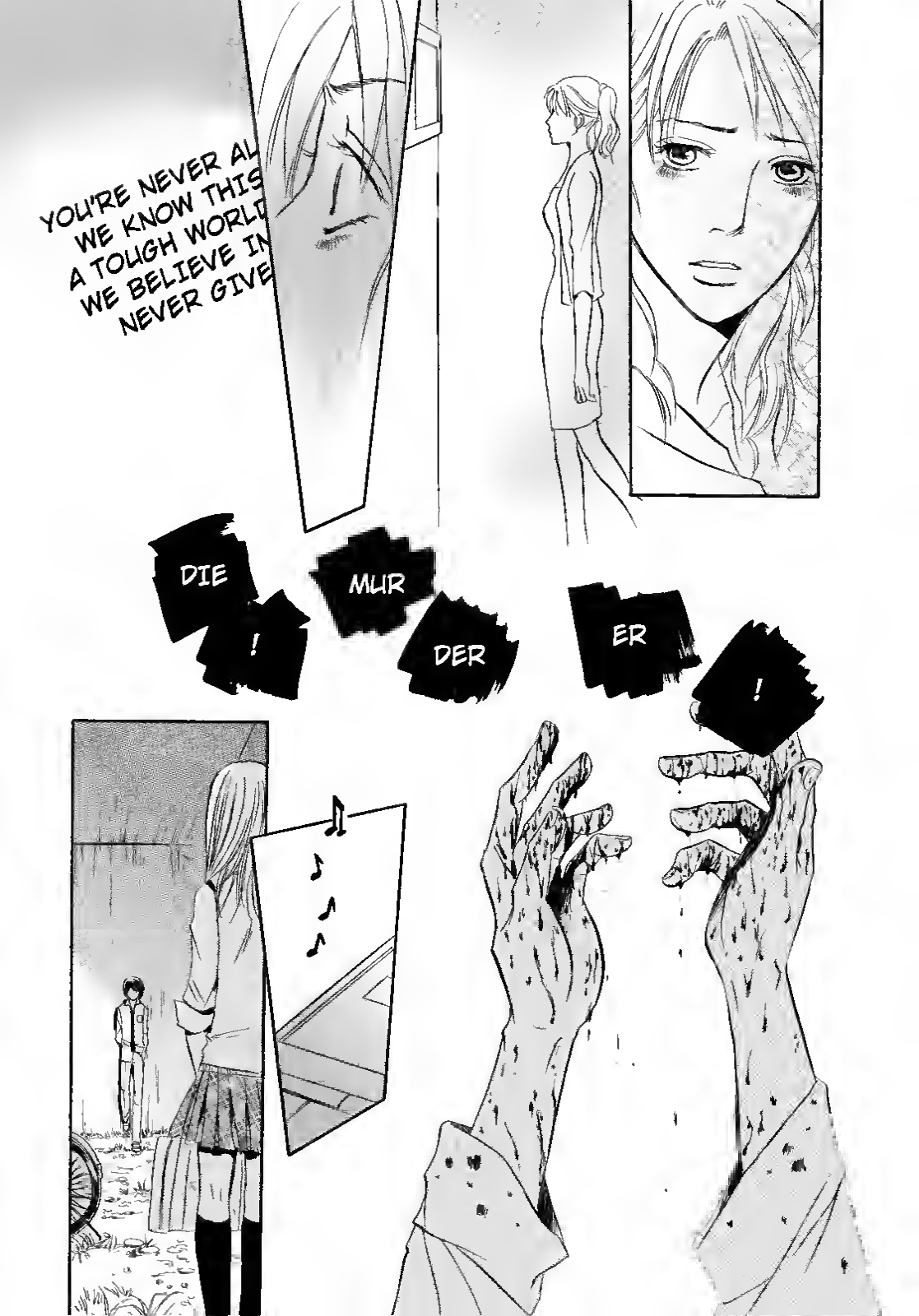
THIS GROUP IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.



YOU'RE NEVER ALONE! WE KNOW THIS IS A TOUGH WORLD, BUT WE BELIEVE IN YOU! NEVER GIVE UP!



NOTE: AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MESSAGE GOT LOST IN TRANSLATION. IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE, THE FIRST LETTER OF EVERY LINE SPELLS DIE! MURDERER!


YOU'RE NEVER AL
WE KNOW THIS
A TOUGH WORLD
WE BELIEVE IN
NEVER GIVE
DIE
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MUR
DER
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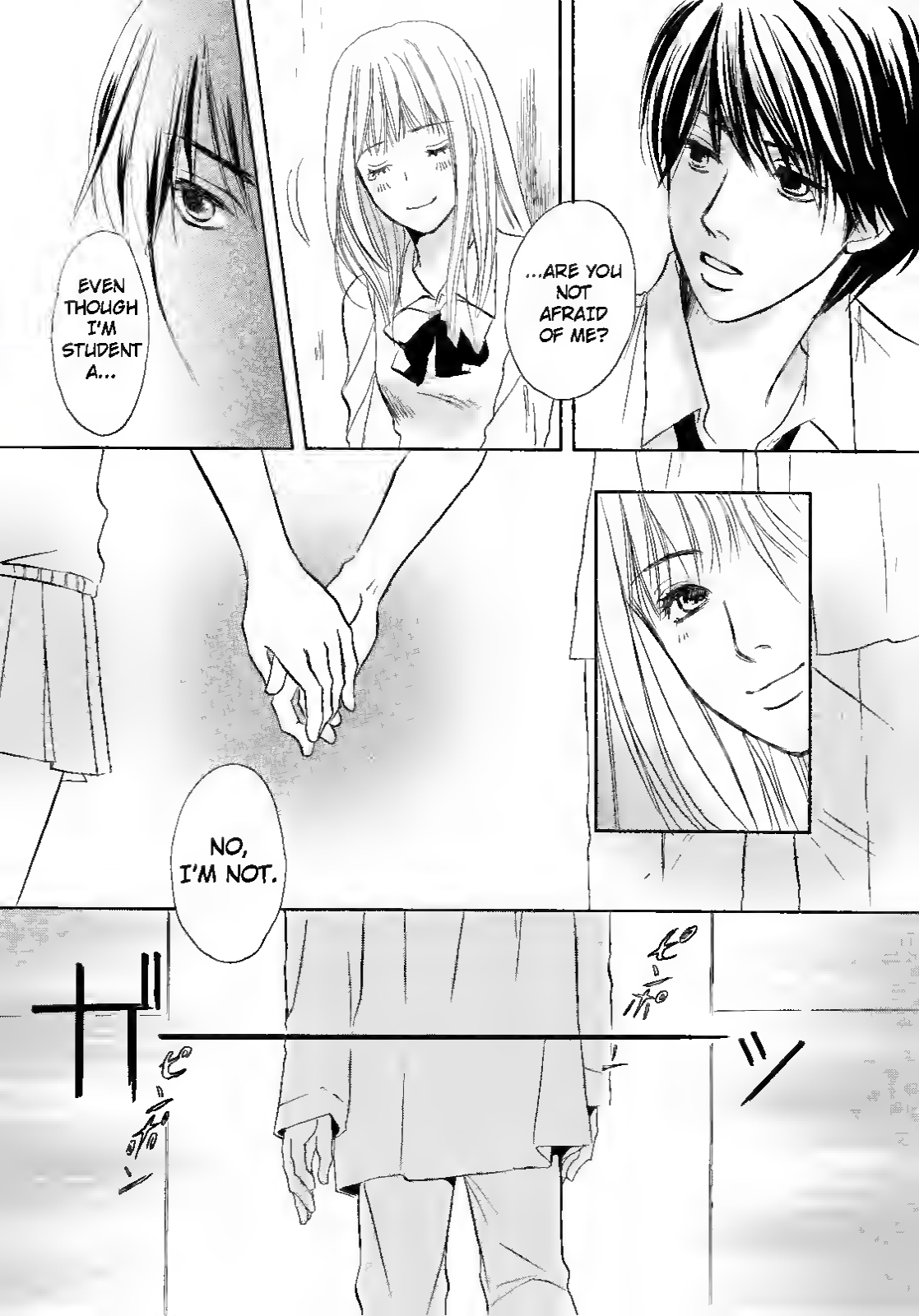
SEE FOR YOURSELF ...
BLOOD EXAMINATION RESULTS
NEGATIVE
IT'S SO WEIRD THAT EVERY-ONE JUST BELIEVED THAT...
MS. MORIGUCHI ONLY SAID THAT TO MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID.
SO IT'S NOT THAT I'M RELIEVED TO SEE THIS...
YOU'RE OKAY! I ALWAYS KNEW IT!!


EVEN THOUGH I'M STUDENT A...
...ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF ME?
NO, I'M NOT.

WELCOME TO OUR STORE!
WHOAA! ISN'T SHE ASHAMED!?
WHAT? WHAT'S THIS!?
LOOK AT THIS!!
THIS IS TO CELEBRATE MIZUHO'S FIRST KISS!!
LOOK!
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WHAT A HOT KISS!!

WHAT'S WRONG? STUDENT A?
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WHA-AA-AAA-AA-AA-AAH!!!
EEK!

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WHA!
IS THIS...
PUNISH-MENT?
!!
LET ME SHOW YOU A REAL PUNISH-MENT.

IF YOU DO SOME-THING FOOLISH LIKE THAT EVER AGAIN,
I'LL THRUST MY TONGUE INSIDE NEXT TIME.
HAHA... WHO AM I KIDDING.

Vol.3 ◆ Boy

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO FIX THIS!?
HEHE...
HEHE-HE...
WE CANNOT SELL ANY OF THIS ANYMORE.
DRINK

NAOKI?
WHY DID IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS...

YOU'LL GET AIDS.
HUH?
YOU'D BETTER NOT EAT THAT.
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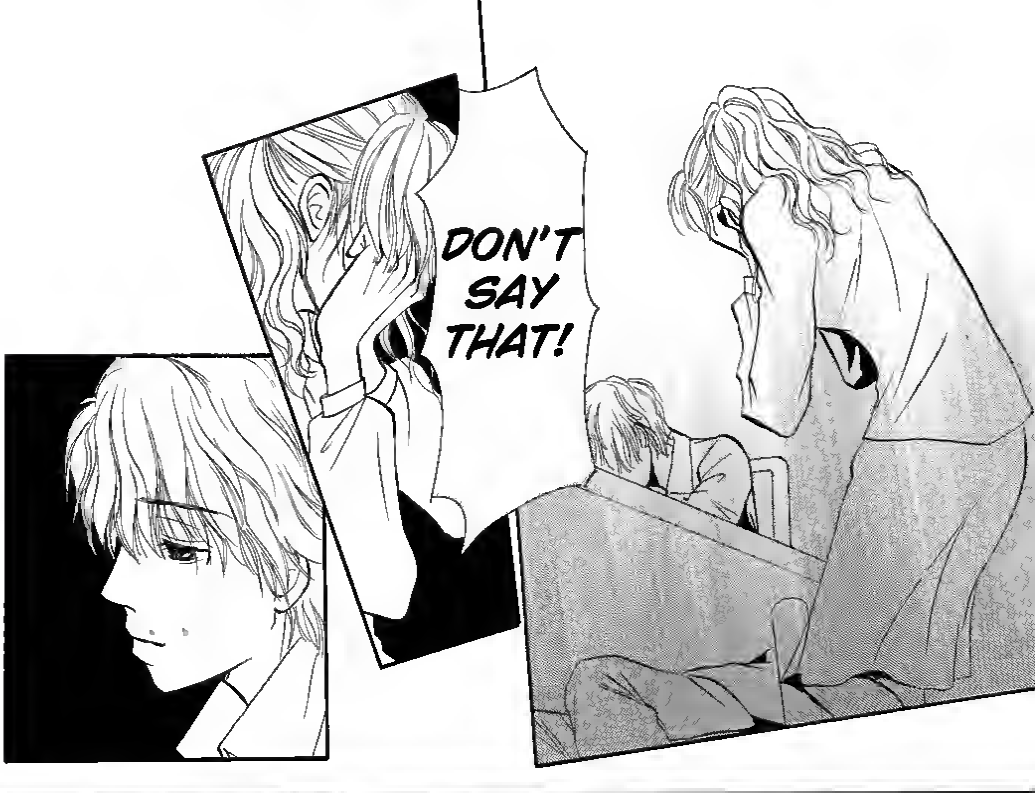
ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL LAST YEAR,
MS. MORIGUCHI MIXED IT IN MY MILK...
BLOOD CONTAMINATED WITH AIDS...

NAOKI!? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.
IT IS NECESSARY! I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU DIED, NAOKI!
IT WOULD BE BEST FOR ME TO DIE. I'M A MURDERER, AFTER ALL...

SHE WASN'T DEAD, SHE WAS JUST UNCONSCIOUS.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! YOU JUST THREW THE DEAD BODY IN THE POOL, TRYING TO COVER UP THE DEED OF YOUR FRIEND!
YOU KNOW,
WHEN I PICKED HER UP, SHE OPENED HER EYES.
EVEN SO, I...



MIZUKI KITAHARA'S CONFESSIONS

THE OTHERS FINALLY STOPPED HARASSING SHUYA...
PAY UP, LOSER!
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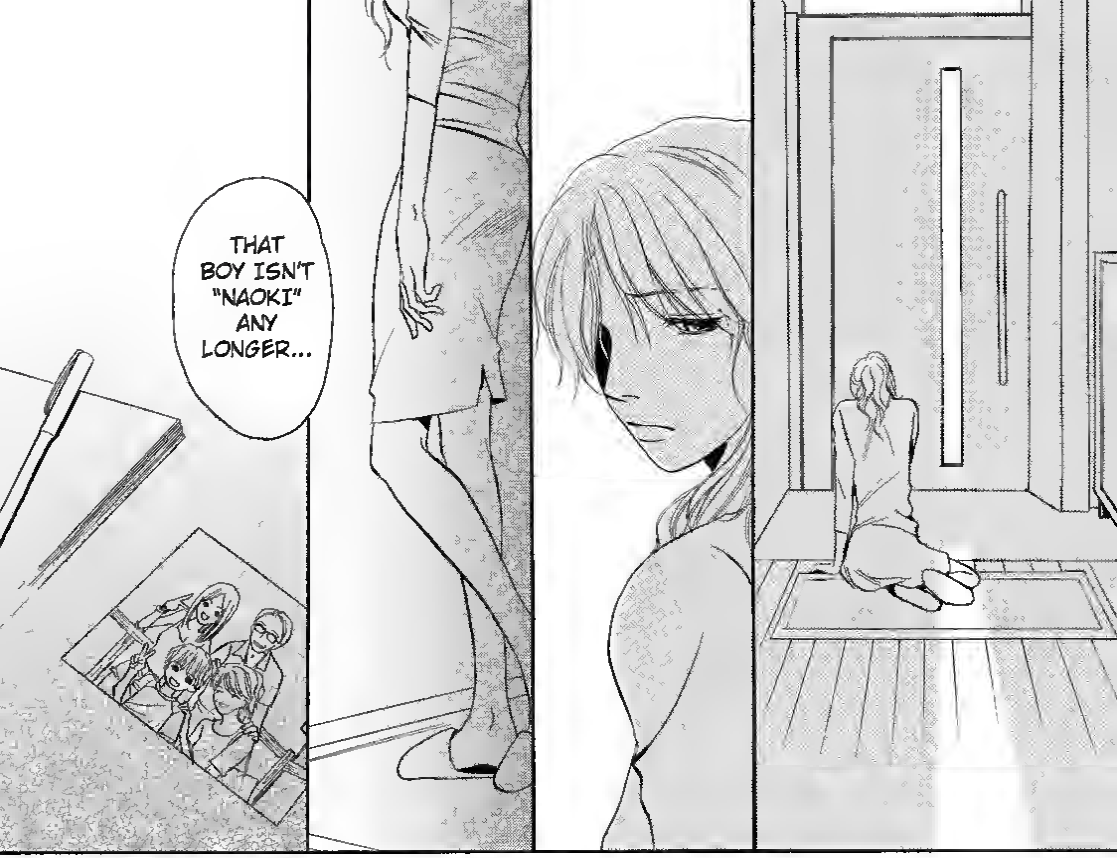
WHAT ARE YOU TYPING?
IT'S NOTHING! JUST A LETTER...

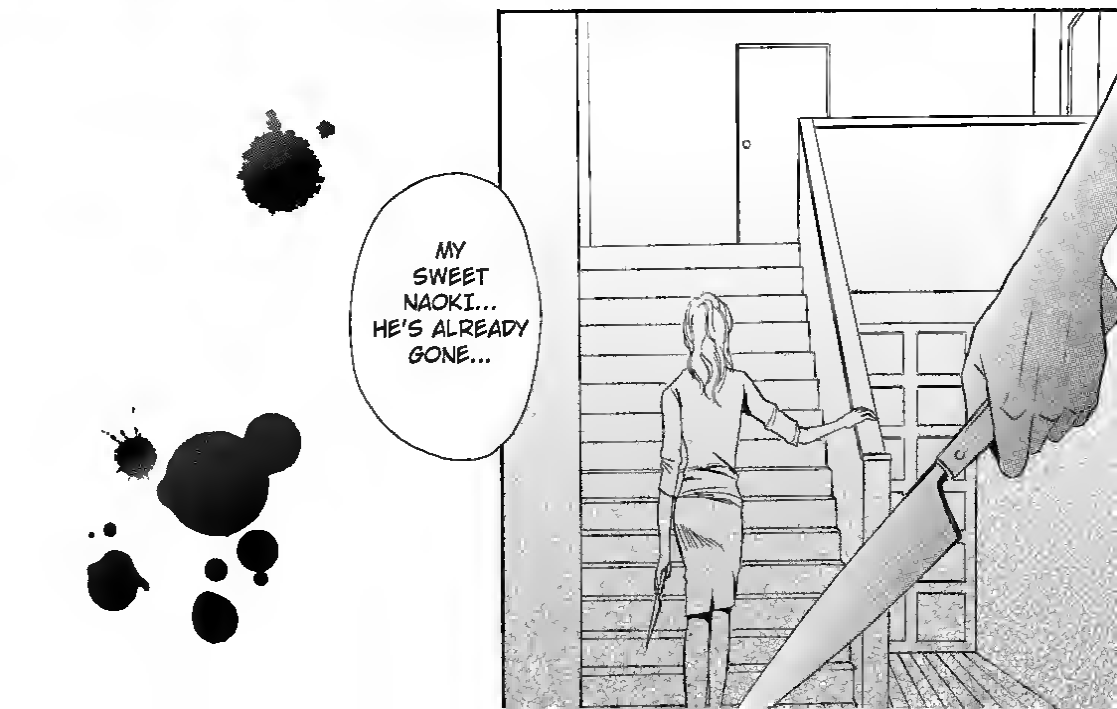
IT'S NOT REALLY FOR ANYONE IN PARTICULAR ...
IT'S JUST THAT WRITING CALMS ME DOWN.
HMM?
I BROUGHT SOMETHING NEW... CAN I PUT IT ON YOUR SHELF?
GO AHEAD.
TADAA!
THAT'S SO CUTE! ♡
YOUR NEWEST INVENTION !? WHOAA!

SHOW ME HOW IT WORKS!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IF YOU PUSH HERE...
I JUST WANTED TO BE PRAISED.
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH FOR ME...
WITH MY MOTHER GONE, I JUST FELT SO ALONE...

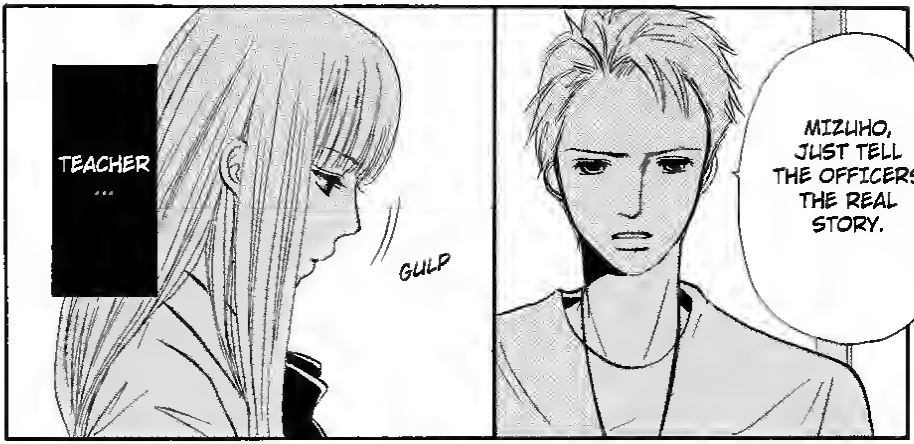
WE COULD SHOW EACH OTHER
THE SIDE OF US,
THAT WE HAVE NEVER SHOWN ANYONE ELSE BEFORE.
A KINGDOM JUST FOR THE TWO OF US,
THAT NOBODY BUT US KNOW ABOUT.
HEY...
HM?

LEAVE ME ALONE!!
NAOKI! JUST SHARE THOSE WORRIES THAT YOU'RE CARRYING ALL BY YOURSELF WITH ME!
IS THERE ANYONE YOU WOULD LOVE TO KILL?
LEAVE US ALONE!!
I CAN HELP YOU SORT IT ALL OUT! JUST PUT SOME TRUST IN ME!
BE SURE TO COME TO THE CLOSING CEREMONY TOMORROW!
EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU!!

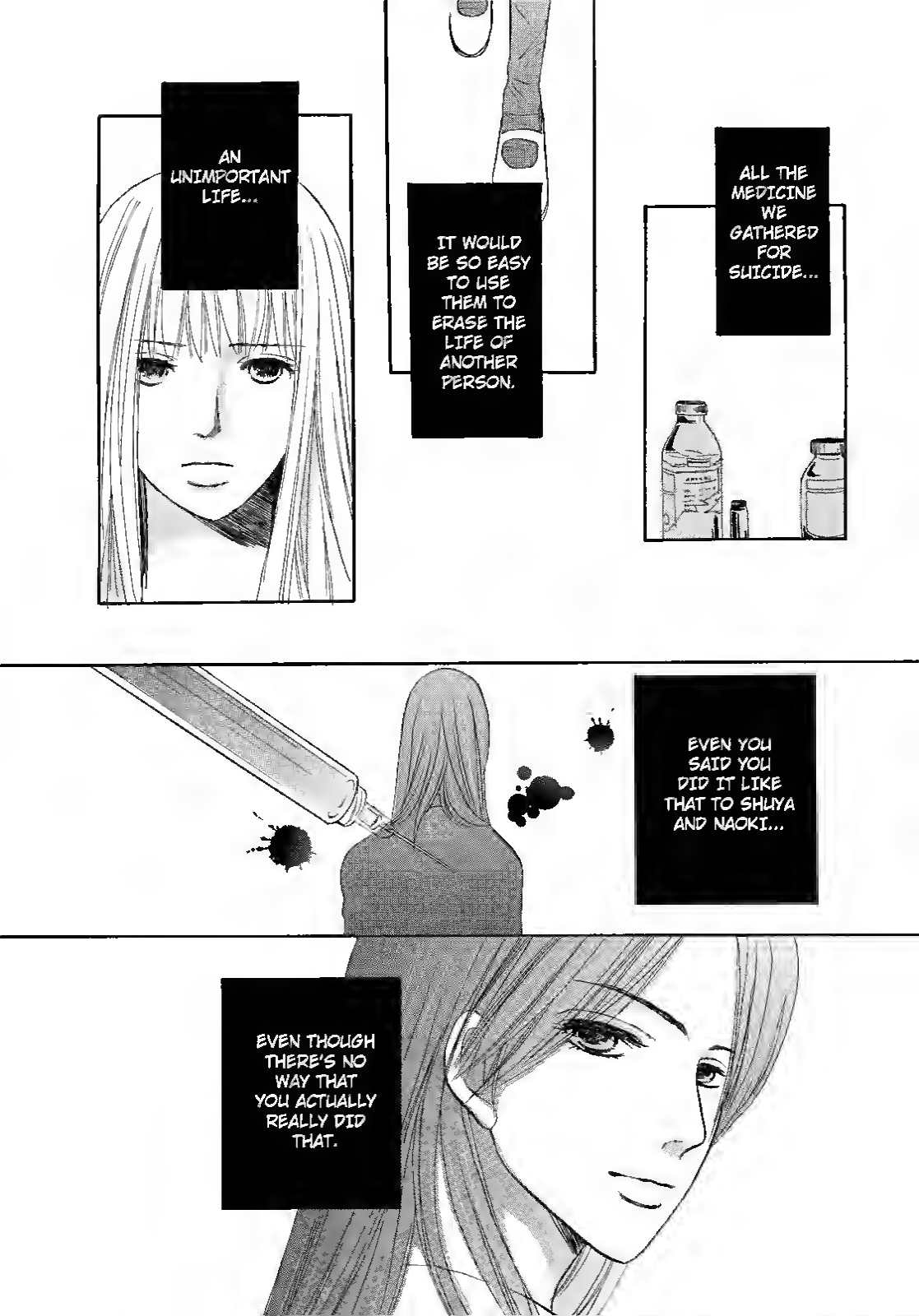

THAT BOY ISN'T "NAOKI" ANY LONGER...


MY SWEET NAOKI... HE'S ALREADY GONE...

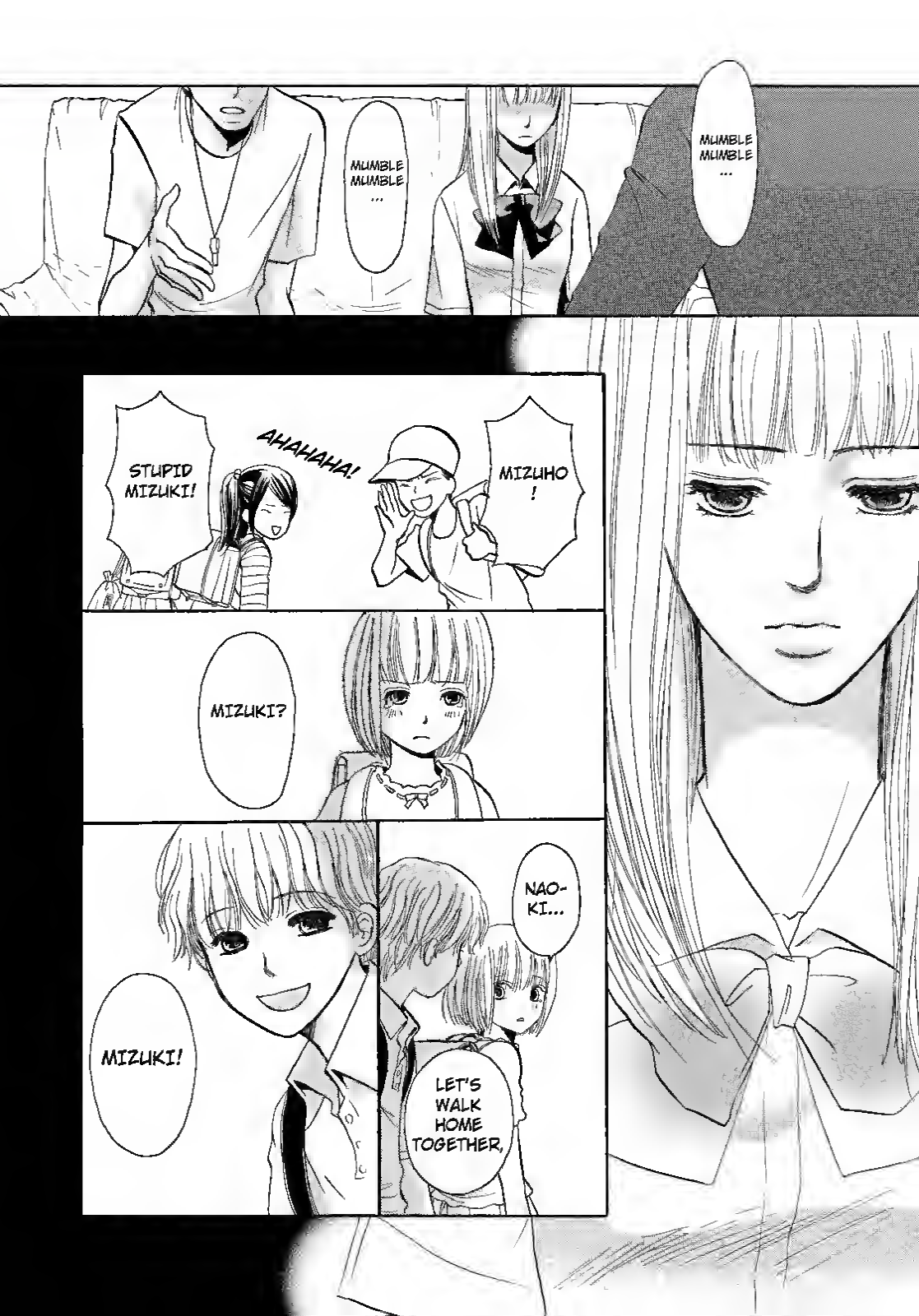
GO STRAIGHT HOME!
...WHAT?
THAT SHIMO-MURA KID...
HE KILLED HIS OWN MOM WITH A KITCHEN KNIFE.
WHOA... SO THAT'S THE SECOND PERSON HE KILLED...


TEACHER ...
GULP
MIZUHO, JUST TELL THE OFFICERS THE REAL STORY.

IS IT REALLY SO? FOR ANYONE?
IS LIFE REALLY SUCH A HEAVY THING?
MS. MORI-GUCHI,
THERE'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME...


AN UNIMPORTANT LIFE...
IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO USE THEM TO ERASE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.
ALL THE MEDICINE WE GATHERED FOR SUICIDE...
EVEN YOU SAID YOU DID IT LIKE THAT TO SHUYA AND NAOKI...
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU ACTUALLY REALLY DID THAT.

BUT TEACHER,
IT SCARES ME...
INTERROGATION ROOM
IT SCARES ME TO NOTICE THAT I'M HAVING THIS THOUGHT...
"WERTHER SHOULD JUST DIE"...


MUMBLE MUMBLE ...
MUMBLE MUMBLE ...
STUPID MIZUKI!
AHAHAHA!
MIZUHO !
MIZUKI?
NAO-KI...
MIZUKI!
LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER,

I LIKED NAOKI A LOT.

HE WAS PROBABLY...

MY FIRST LOVE.

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WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MILK?
TONGUE CLICK

TOGETHER WITH THE WHOLE WORLD AROUND ME.

I WILL BE ERASED AS WELL.

●REC

EVERYONE WILL BE ERASED.

SHUYA WATANABE'S CONFESSIONS

I JUST SET UP A BOMB AT THE SCHOOL.

TODAY IS AUGUST THE 31ST.

I WILL READ THIS ESSAY ALOUD IN FRONT OF ALL THE STUDENTS DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE ESSAY I WROTE LAST YEAR, TITLED "LIFE", WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE PREFECTURAL CONTEST.

THE SWITCH IS THE SEND-BUTTON ON MY CELLPHONE.

THE WORDS OF THE TEACHER WHO LOST HER BELOVED CHILD...
I WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE WORDS OF MS. MORIGUCHI.
"I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE PRECIOUS-NESS OF LIFE!"
AHA-HA-HAHA-HA-HAHA-HA!!
AHA-HAHA!!
THROUGH A HIGHLY UNFOR-TUNATE ACCIDENT...
UH...
AND WHEN I'M FINISHED READING, I WILL ACTIVATE THE SWITCH.
AHA-HA-HAHA-HA-HAHA-HA!!

BOMB IN SCHOOL
THE MEDIA WILL BE SO EXCITED!
ME AND ALL THOSE FOOLS BLOWN TO LITTLE PIECES...
●REC
I WILL UPLOAD MY LAST WORDS TO MY WEBSITE.
天才博士研究所
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I WILL KEEP PEOPLE GUESSING ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND IT.

HEY, HELP ME OUT, WILL YOU?
SOB SOB
SHUYA.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE A VERY SMART BOY.
AS IT'S MOMMY'S BLOOD THAT'S STREAMING THROUGH YOUR VEINS.
MY MOTHER WAS AN ELECTRIC ENGINEER AND RESEARCHER WITH A LOT OF TALENT AND AMBITION.
AFTER MARRYING THE MOST AVERAGE FOOL, SHE BORE A CHILD...
THAT CHILD WAS ME.
STORE SIGN: WATANABE ELECTRICS

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SHE TAUGHT ME THE LAW OF OHM, NORTON'S THEOREM...
EVERYTHING SHE EVER TAUGHT ME SEEMED TO BE ABOUT PHYCICS.
RATHER THAN BEAUTIFUL PICTURE BOOKS OR DREAMY FAIRY TALES.
SMASHING MY CUTEST TOYS TO PIECES...

SHE TOLD ME HOW EVERYTHING WORKED.

THAT'S WRONG!
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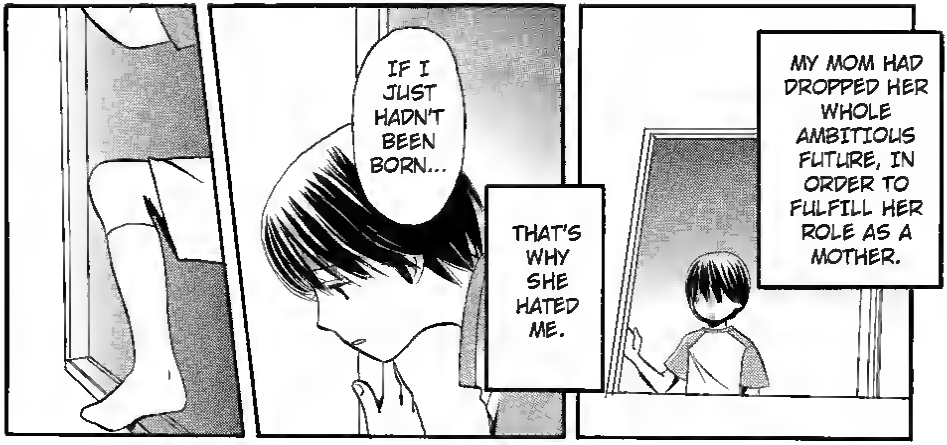
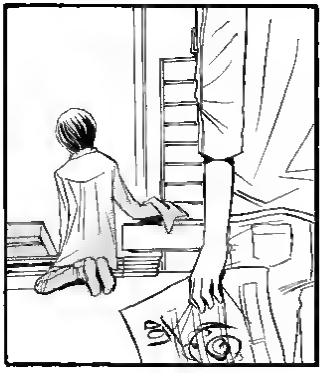
IF ONLY YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN...
WHY CAN'T YOU DO A SIMPLE THING LIKE THIS!?


IF I JUST HADN'T BEEN BORN...
THAT'S WHY SHE HATED ME.
MY MOM HAD DROPPED HER WHOLE AMBITIOUS FUTURE, IN ORDER TO FULFILL HER ROLE AS A MOTHER.



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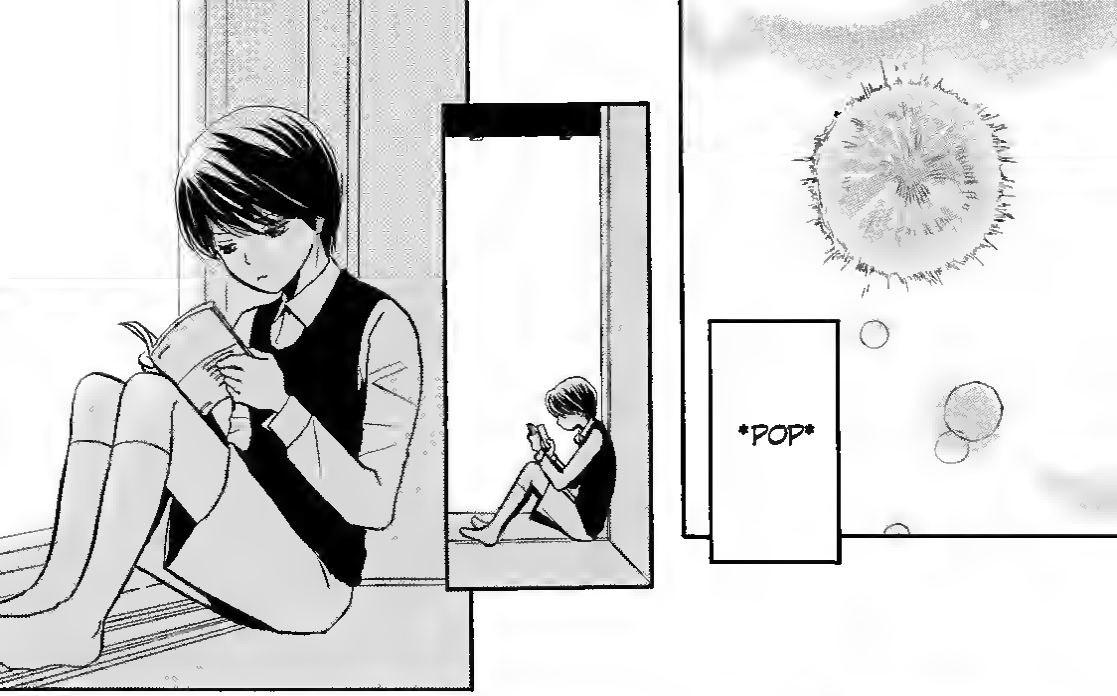
MOM EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO CONTINUE HER PATH AS AN ENGINEER ONCE AGAIN.

IT'S MY BLOOD AFTER ALL THAT'S STREAMING THROUGH YOUR VEINS.
I'M SURE THEY WILL PROVE USEFUL TO YOU TOO, IN THE FUTURE.
THESE ARE ALL THE WONDERFUL BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME IN MY LIFE.
FARE-WELL.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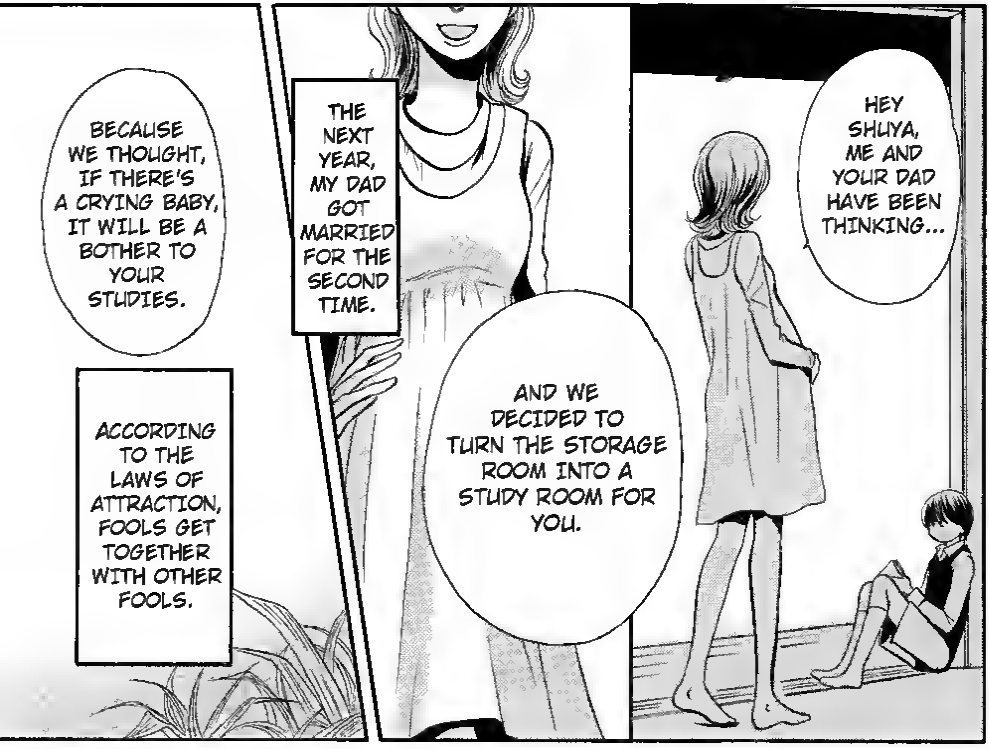

HEY SHUYA, ME AND YOUR DAD HAVE BEEN THINKING...
AND WE DECIDED TO TURN THE STORAGE ROOM INTO A STUDY ROOM FOR YOU.
THE NEXT YEAR, MY DAD GOT MARRIED FOR THE SECOND TIME.
BECAUSE WE THOUGHT, IF THERE'S A CRYING BABY, IT WILL BE A BOTHER TO YOUR STUDIES.
ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ATTRACTION, FOOLS GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER FOOLS.

WATANABE ELECTRICS
AND THEY WILL BEAR FOOLISH CHILDREN.
I WANTED TO CONNECT TO MOM'S BLOOD IN MY VEINS, AND AWAKEN THE GENIUS WITHIN ME...
EVERY DAY, I JUST KEPT ON READING THE BOOKS MOM GAVE ME.
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A CLOCK THAT RUNS COUNTER-CLOCK-WISE!
HMM?
WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT THAT?
I WANTED TO MAKE THOSE AVERAGE FOOLS SURRENDER TO ME.

POSTER: UNKNOWN
THERE'S THIS GENIUS ELEMENTARY SCHO BOY WHO'S INTER IN ELECTRIC ENGI HE HAS A WEBSIT WHERE HE SHOWS INVENTIONS.
CHECK IT OUT: WWW.THEGENIUSL
AND I POSTED THE ADDRESS TO IT ON THE WEBSITE OF MY MOM'S OLD SCHOOL
I CREATED A WEBSITE TO INTRODUCE MY INVENTIONS TO THE WORLD.
THOSE IDIOTS COULDN'T UNDER-STAND THE BRILLIANCE OF IT.
THE GENIUS' LABO
MAYBE MOM WILL NOTICE IT THIS WAY!
COMMENT (1)

NATIONAL SCIENCE CONTEST FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

SHOW US YOUR TALENT!

JUDGE

PROFESSOR YOSHIKAZU SEGUCHI

COMMENT (173)

I FELT SO IRRITATED THAT I ENDED UP PUTTING ALL KINDS OF COMMENTS ON MY OWN WEBSITE

THE EXECUTION MACHINE

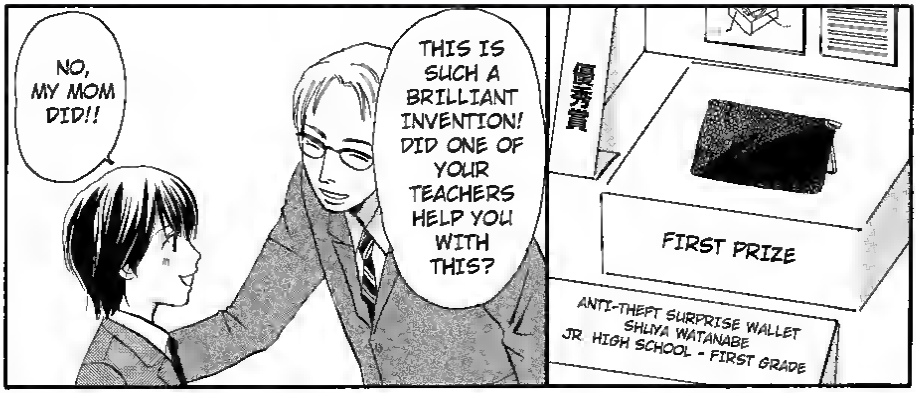
EXPERIMENT VIDEO

I FELT SO DESPE-RATE.

IF HE RECOGNIZES MY INVENTIONS, THERE IS A CHANCE THAT IT WILL REACH MY MOM'S EARS!

THE JUDGE IS YOSHIKAZU SEGUCHI ...!?

IT'S THE PROFESSOR MY MOTHER WAS ALWAYS INFLUENCED BY, AND ALWAYS ADMIRED!


NO, MY MOM DID!!
THIS IS SUCH A BRILLIANT INVENTION! DID ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS HELP YOU WITH THIS?
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FIRST PRIZE
ANTI-THEFT SURPRISE WALLET
SHIYA WATANABE
JR. HIGH SCHOOL - FIRST GRADE

MOM,
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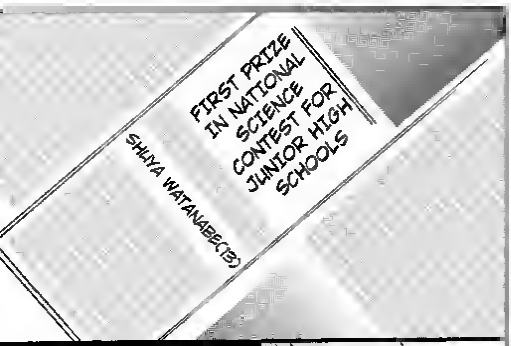
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SHIYA WATANABE(13)

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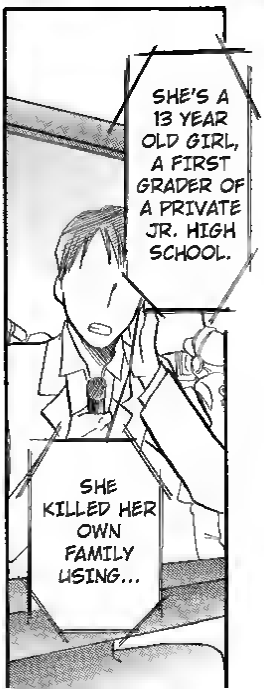

SHE'S A 13 YEAR OLD GIRL, A FIRST GRADER OF A PRIVATE JR. HIGH SCHOOL.
SHE KILLED HER OWN FAMILY USING...

WON'T YOU BE PROUD OF ME IF I MAKE IT TO THE NEWS PAPER?

FAMILY DISASTER CAUSED BY 13 YEAR OLD GIRL

THE WORLD DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME AT ALL.

FOR THIS PLAN, I WILL NEED SOMEONE TO ASSIST ME.
A FOOL AMONG FOOLS, STUPID ENOUGH TO DO WHAT I TELL HIM TO DO, WITHOUT HAVING TO TELL HIM MY INTENTIONS.

I NEEDED TO CAUSE AN EVEN MORE AMAZING INCIDENT.

MAKING USE OF THE TALENT THAT I INHERITED FROM MY MOTHER...

YOU LOOK DIFFERENT THAN ALL THOSE IDIOTS IN CLASS... YOU SEEM MORE CHILL AND GROWN UP...
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TALK TO YOU FOR A WHILE.
HEY, DO YOU WANT TO WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER?

NAOKI SHIMOMURA'S CONFESSIONS

I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO ONE WHO WOULD EVER RECOGNIZE ME...

BUT STILL ...
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS A FRIEND ANYWAY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL GUILTY HERE.
GO AHEAD AND TELL EVERYONE THAT I DID IT.
THE TARGET, AND THIS LOCATION BY THE POOL YOU SUGGESTED WERE VERY GOOD!
IT'S SO CLEAR THAT YOU'RE ONE BIG FAILURE.
YOU'RE SUCH A WEAKLING, SUCH A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
OH!

YOU'RE ONE BIG FAILURE!
ONE BIG FAILURE ...?
THANK GOD...
SHE'S ALIVE.
BUT SHE'S ALIVE...
YOU INTENDED TO KILL HER...
I FINISHED THE JOB WHERE YOU FAILED! WHO'S THE FAILURE HERE!?
LOOK AT THIS!
HAH!

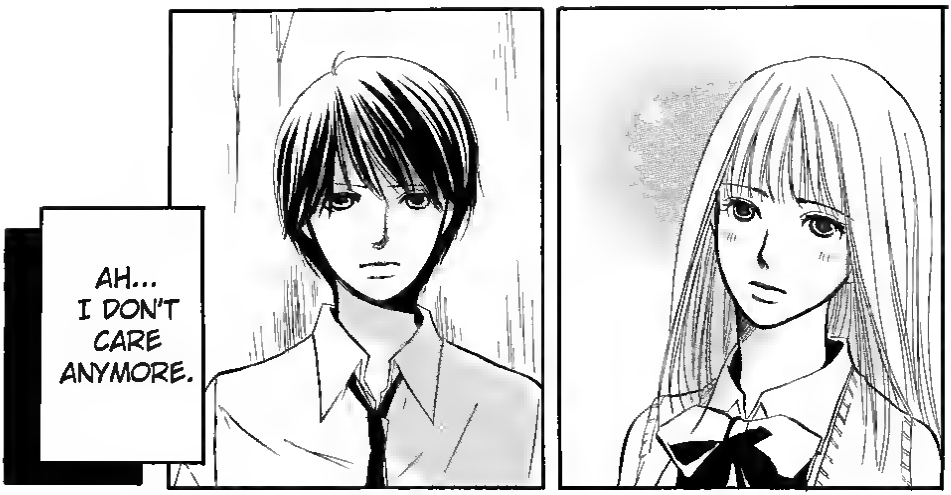
GO AHEAD AND TELL EVERYONE THAT I DID IT.
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT!!
FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL DROWNED AFTER FALLING IN POOL
BACK TO SHUYA WATANABE'S CONFES-SIONS

STUPID
A SHOCK FROM A LITTLE DEVICE LIKE THAT CAN'T KILL A FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL.
IF THE POLICE DECLARED IT AS AN ACCIDENT, I WON'T MAKE A CASE OUT OF IT.
ONE MONTH LATER, THE STUPID TEACHER FOUND OUT.
HORRIBLE
IN THE MILK OF THE TWO CULPRITS...
I INFUSED THE HIV-CONTAMINATED BLOOD OF MASAYOSHI SAKURANOMIYA.

A DISEASE LEADING TO DEATH!
AHAHAHA! THAT'S JUST WONDERFUL, MORIGUCHI!!
AND I WILL SHOW HER HOW I'VE DEVELOPED THE TALENT I INHERITED FROM HER!!
MOM WILL COME TO SEE ME...
SHE'LL ALLOW ME TO MEET HER THAT WAY!
IF I HAVE SUCH A DISEASE, I WILL HAVE TO INFORM MY FATHER, AND ALSO MY MOTHER!

THIS TIME...!
THIS TIME...

NEGATIVE
TONGUE CLICK


AH...
I DON'T
CARE
ANYMORE.

LIKE
THIS
SMILE.
FROM THIS
POINT ON,
IT'S ALL
JUST GOING
TO BE A
WASTE OF
TIME

EVEN JUST LIVING...

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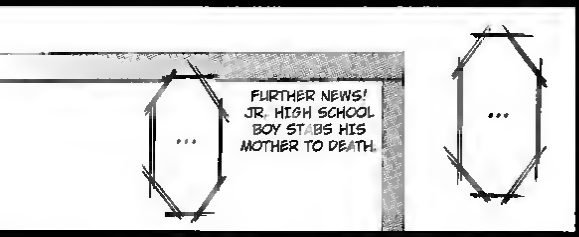
WHO'S FAULT IS THIS?

I'M ONLY 13... AND MY DEATH HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED...
MY DEATH WILL BE MORI-GUCHI'S FAULT.
WHA-AAH!!
NO! I'M...
YOU ARE ONE BIG FAILURE!
WHY ME!?

"NAOKI COULD SUCCEED AT ANYTHING IF HE WANTED TO!"
MOM!
THAT'S RIGHT!
I CAN SUCCEED AT ANYTHING!
MOM, YOU KNOW ME, RIGHT?
YOU LOVE ME, RIGHT?
EVEN KILLING SOMEONE!
I'M SORRY!

I'M SO SORRY!
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU UP BETTER!
...WHY? MOM...?

NO!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE BIG FAILURE!
WHO'S...



FAULT IS THIS!?

I THINK I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU QUITE WELL...
QUITE SOME THINGS...
OH, UMM...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
IT'S ALL JUST BEEN ABOUT KILLING TIME...
HUH?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

ARE YOU A LUNATIC OR SOMETHING?
GATHERING THESE POISONS, LOOKING UP TO A RIDICULOUS CRIMINAL.
ARE YOU REALLY THAT STUPID?
STOP THAT!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ARE EVER GOING TO KILL SOMEONE ANYWAY.
SO HOW ABOUT YOU JUST DRINK EVERYTHING AND DIE HERE AND NOW?
HERE YOU GO.
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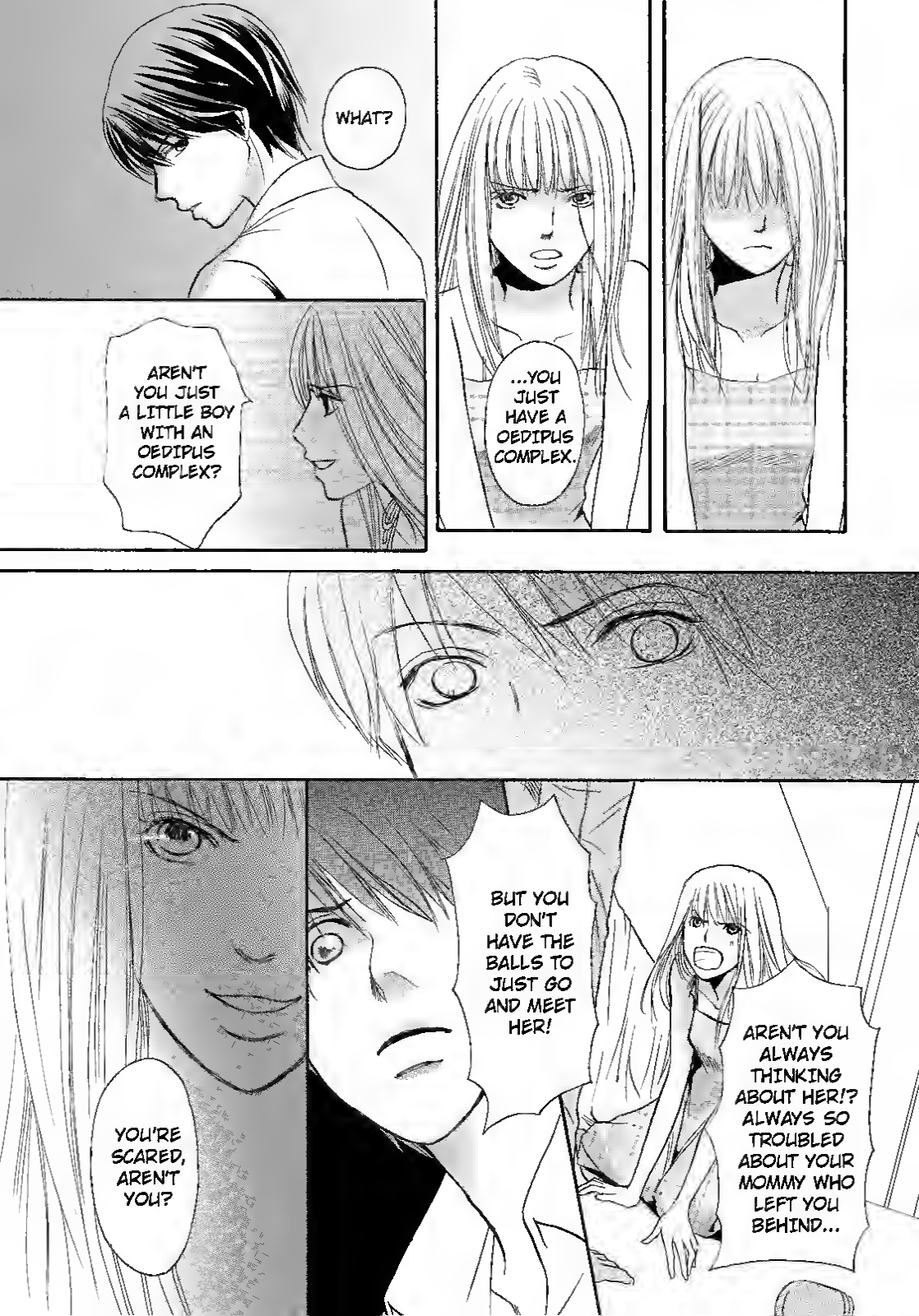
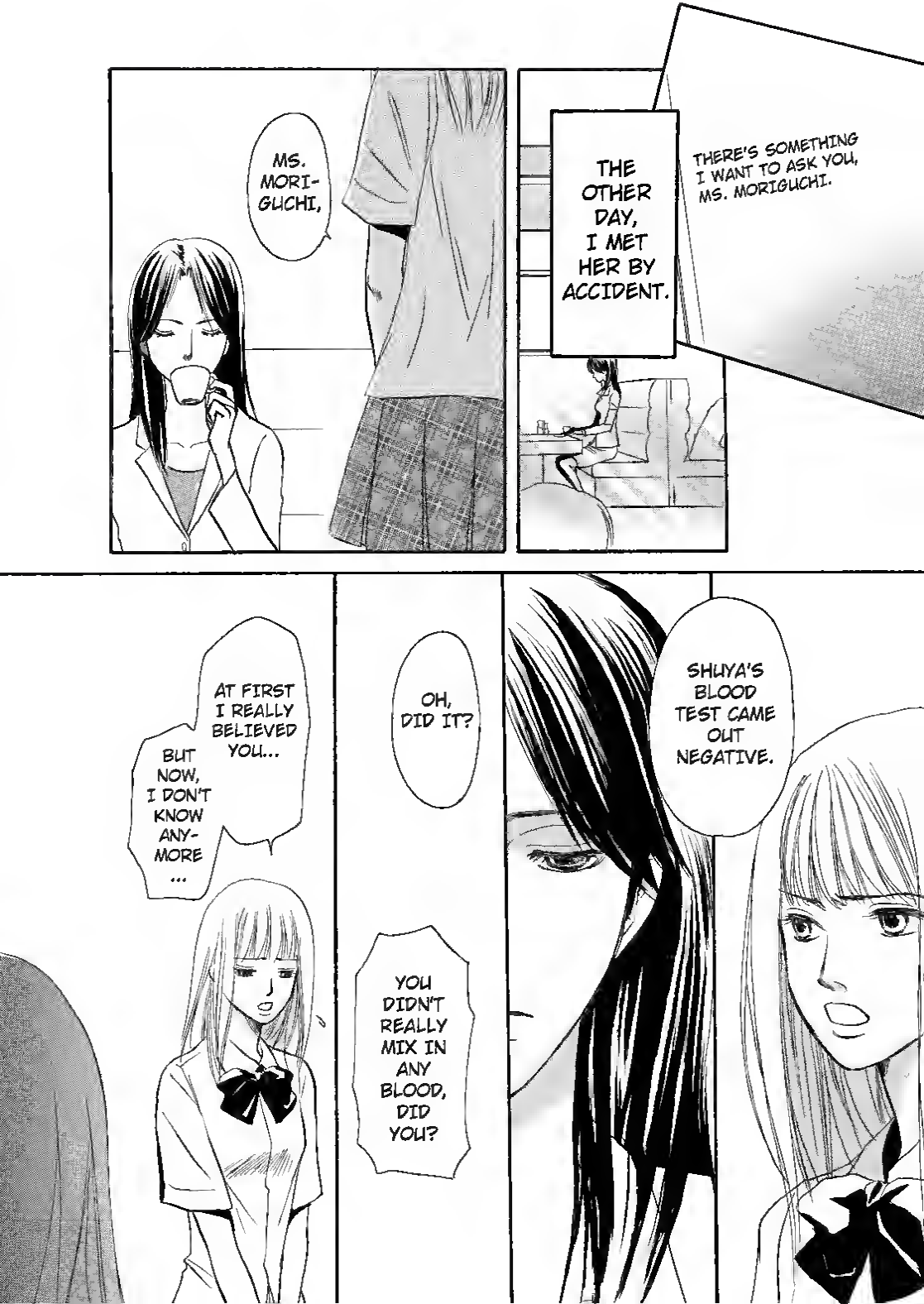

WHAT?
AREN'T YOU JUST A LITTLE BOY WITH AN OEDIPUS COMPLEX?
...YOU JUST HAVE A OEDIPUS COMPLEX.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO JUST GO AND MEET HER!
AREN'T YOU ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HER!? ALWAYS SO TROUBLED ABOUT YOUR MOMMY WHO LEFT YOU BEHIND...
YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU?

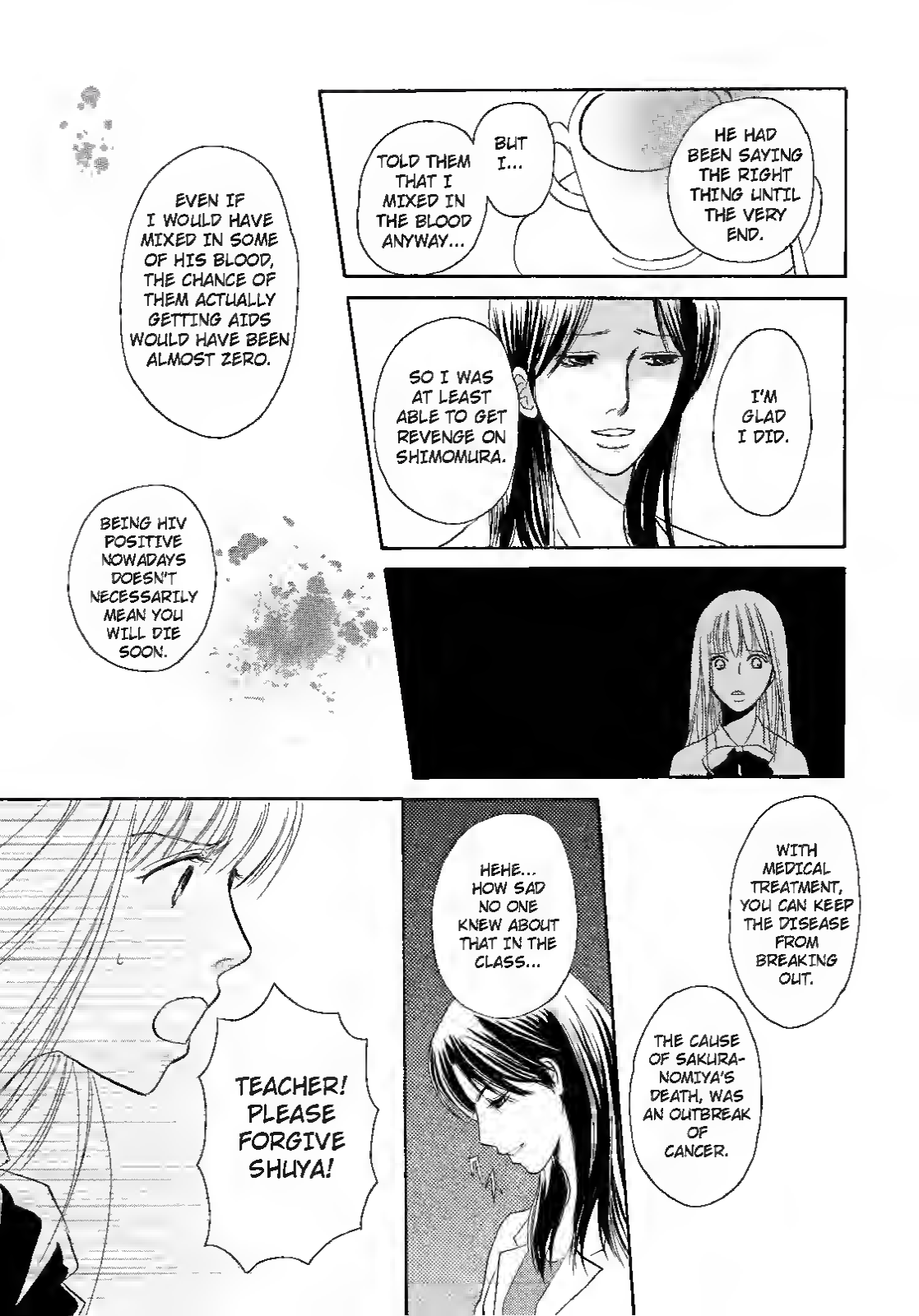
THAT SHE'LL JUST REJECT YOU AGAIN.
PANT
PANT
TEACHER...


THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU, MS. MORIGUCHI.
THE OTHER DAY, I MET HER BY ACCIDENT.
MS. MORI-GUCHI,
SHUYA'S BLOOD TEST CAME OUT NEGATIVE.
OH, DID IT?
YOU DIDN'T REALLY MIX IN ANY BLOOD, DID YOU?
AT FIRST I REALLY BELIEVED YOU...
BUT NOW, I DON'T KNOW ANY-MORE ...

I WAS THE ONE WHO SET UP MR. TERADA INTO PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE BOTH OF THEM.
HUH?
NO, IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME.
IT'S ALL JUST WERTHER'S FAULT THAT IT TURNED OUT LIKE THAT FOR NAOKI.
SO IT WAS EASY TO CONTROL HIM.
HE WAS A BIG FAN OF SAKURA-NOMIYA'S WORKS.
HE REALLY TOOK MY ADVICE PRETTY SERIOUSLY.
BOTH THE VISITS TO SHIMO-MURA'S HOUSE,
AND TALKING IN FRONT OF THE CLASS ABOUT WATANABE GETTING BULLIED.

BUT IT WAS TOO BAD THAT THE BULLYING GOT RESOLVED...
I THOUGHT THERE WAS A CHANCE HE MIGHT END UP GETTING KILLED BY HIS CRUEL CLASS-MATES,
OR THAT IT WOULD MAKE HIM COMMIT SUICIDE...
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW IF I ACTUALLY MIXED SAKURANOMIYA'S BLOOD IN THEIR MILK?

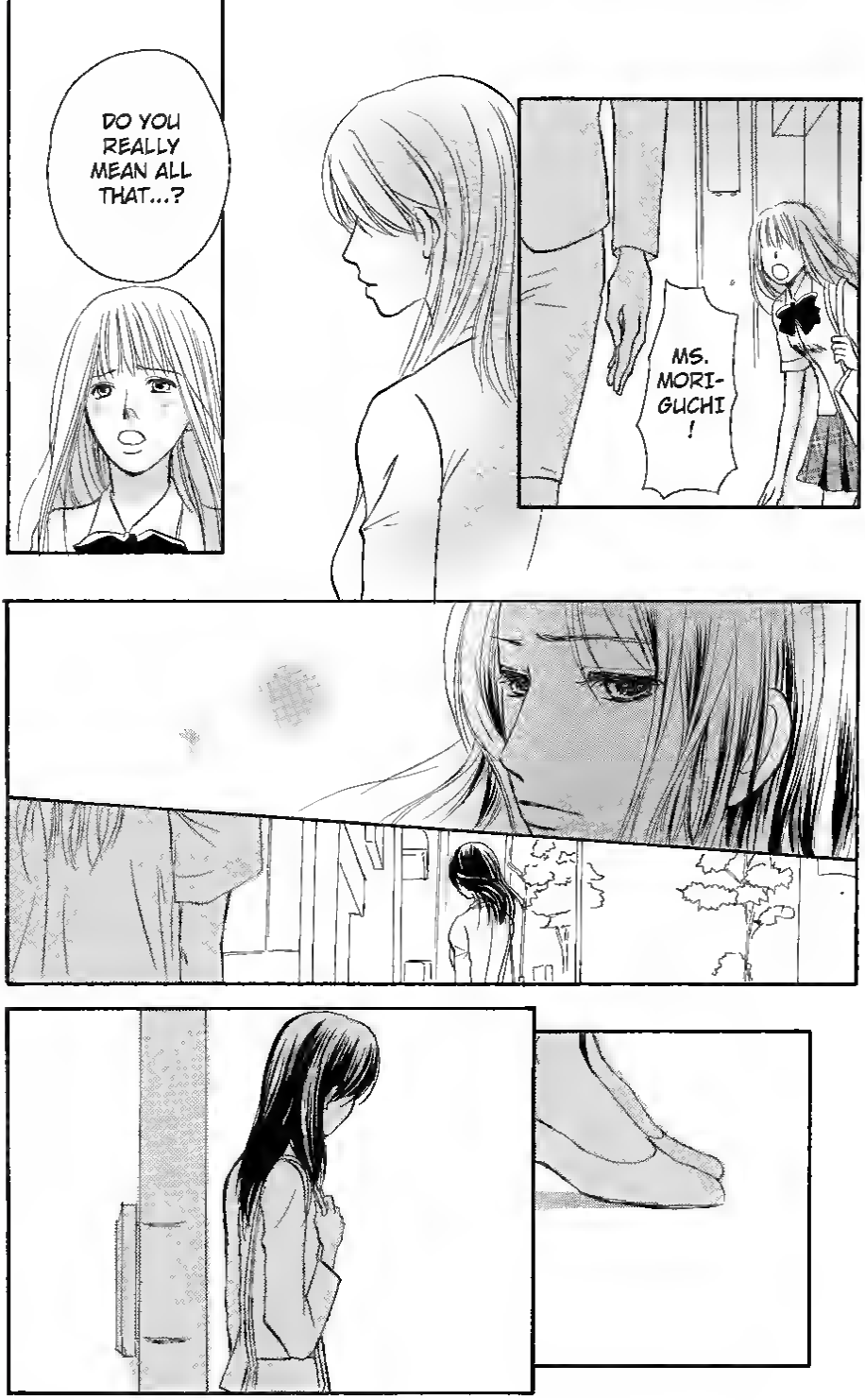
OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER GOT KILLED! DON'T YOU FEEL ANY ANGER FOR THAT!?
WHY!? WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKING REVENGE!?
STOP THAT!
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT WAIT.
EVENTUALLY, THEY WILL REALIZE THEIR MISTAKE.
YOU SHOULDN'T RESPOND WITH HATE AGAINST HATE!
UHUHH ...
U...
BELIEVING IN THEM WILL ALSO RESULT IN YOU BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH YOUR LIFE AGAIN!


EVEN IF I WOULD HAVE MIXED IN SOME OF HIS BLOOD, THE CHANCE OF THEM ACTUALLY GETTING AIDS WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST ZERO.
TOLD THEM THAT I MIXED IN THE BLOOD ANYWAY...
BUT I...
HE HAD BEEN SAYING THE RIGHT THING UNTIL THE VERY END.
SO I WAS AT LEAST ABLE TO GET REVENGE ON SHIMOMURA.
I'M GLAD I DID.
BEING HIV POSITIVE NOWADAYS DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU WILL DIE SOON.
TEACHER! PLEASE FORGIVE SHUYA!
HEHE... HOW SAD NO ONE KNEW ABOUT THAT IN THE CLASS...
WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT, YOU CAN KEEP THE DISEASE FROM BREAKING OUT.
THE CAUSE OF SAKURA-NOMIYA'S DEATH, WAS AN OUTBREAK OF CANCER.

SHUYA WAS JUST LONELY.
HE JUST WANTED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY HIS MOTHER WHO LEFT HIM BEHIND, SO HE...
AHA-HAHA HA!
MIZUKI A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY WAS KILLED.
I WILL NEVER...
「許しません」
FORGIVE THAT!
HEY!

SOMEONE LIKE ME SHOULD JUST GO AHEAD AND DIE?
DON'T YOU THINK
IS LIFE REALLY...
TEACHER ...

TAP
IT'S NOT A PRECIOUS THING AT ALL!


DO YOU REALLY MEAN ALL THAT...?
MS. MORI-GUCHI!

IS THAT REALLY THE RIGHT THING?
MOMMY!

DON'T DIE!
I PUT THE DEAD BODY IN THE REFRIG-ERATOR.
I FOUND IT DISGUS-TING HOW IT STILL FELT WARM.

HOW BORING.
HE WILL BE PROTECTED BY JUVENILE LAW.
EVEN IF A MINOR KILLS A PERSON,
UP THESE STAIRS, BEHIND THAT DOOR, MOM IS WAITING.
IT'S MOM! MOM WANTS TO SEE ME!
THREE DAYS AGO, I RECEIVED A NEW COMMENT ON MY WEBSITE.
SHE WOULD DEFINITELY HOLD ME IN HER ARMS, WITH TEARS OF JOY.
IF I WOULD RUN UP TO HER NOW,

WHAT I WANTED HER TO EMBRACE WEREN'T THESE FLESH AND BONES,
BUT MY BRILLIANCE, THAT MARKED THE WORLD WITH ITS ACHIEVE-MENTS.
I REALIZED ...
BUT THEN,
I WANTED TO BE VERY SURE THAT TOMORROW'S EVENT WOULD LEAVE A BIG MARK IN THE WORLD'S CRIMINAL HISTORY.
IN ORDER TO WORK ON THAT ACHIEVE-MENT.
SO I LEFT THE UNIVER-SITY,

AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE,
THAT MY MOTHER WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW I FELT.
WITH THESE WORDS, THE PROTAGONIST IN 'CRIME AND PUNISHMENT' RASKOLNIKOV, KILLED AN OLD WOMAN.
"IN ORDER TO CREATE A NEW FUTURE, I HOLD THE RIGHT TO STEP ON ALL THE SYSTEMS OF THE PRESENT."

EVERY LIFE IS TO BE HIGHLY REGARDED!
BUT I DISAGREE!
EVERY LIFE HAS IT'S BEAUTY!
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE LIFE THAT CAN BE DISPOSED OF!
I MEAN TO SAY, THAT IN THIS WORLD!

TIME TO DIE, EVERY-ONE.
TAP
HAHA... WHO AM I KIDDING...
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
!?
IT'S GONE!

HEY LITTLE BOY, IT'S YOUR MOMMY.
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
WHO IS THIS ?
HAHAHA... IT'S BEEN A WHILE. THIS IS MORIGUCHI.
I TOOK CARE OF YOUR BOMB.
YOU...!
AND I ALSO TOOK A LOOK AT YOUR 'LOVE LETTER TO MY MOMMY'.

THE DAY YOU WENT TO THE RESEARCH FACILITY TO SEE YOUR MOMMY.
SHE WASN'T THERE. WAS SHE?
BUT LIES ARE BAD,
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
SHE'S ON HER HONEY-MOON NOW!
ISN'T IT NICE HOW SHE FOUND A NEW PARTNER AT THAT AGE?
PROFESSOR YASAKA? HER NAME CHANGED TO SEGUCHI.

"MY BELOVED MOMMY LEFT ME BEHIND."
フラ!
SHUT UP!
"THERE'S NO HOPE LEFT. IT'S ALL OVER. I JUST WANT TO DIE."
"OR NO! SHE FORGOT ABOUT ME ALREADY AGES AGO!"
"AND LET'S DRAG AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE INTO THE GRAVE."
ISN'T THAT THE REAL MOTIVE BEHIND THE BOMB?
ARE YOU RETARD-ED?
THE IGNORANT ONE HERE IS NO ONE BUT YOU. WHY DO ALL THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!
THE ONLY PERSON REALLY RELATED TO ALL YOUR DESPAIR IS YOUR MOTHER.

SHUT UP!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT ME!
SO WHY DON'T YOU START BY KILLING YOUR BELOVED MOMMY?
I DO KNOW ABOUT YOU. I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU THE WHOLE TIME.
THE ONE WHO LED YOU TO YOUR MOTHER'S LOCATION WAS ME AS WELL...
HEY, WHAT ...
ドン
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
I WANTED TO CHECK IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES...
THE INTENSITY OF THOSE FEELINGS YOU WERE KEEPING FOR YOUR MOMMY.

THE POLICE SHOULD BE AT YOUR PLACE TO INVESTIGATE MIZUKI'S CASE.
IT'S A SAD THING, AS SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY UNDERSTOOD YOU...
WHAT ...!?
LAW MAY FORGIVE YOU...
BUT I NEVER WILL!

I WENT TO MEET A CERTAIN PERSON THIS MORNING...
RESEARCH FAC
THAT ONE PERSON YOU WANT TO MEET SO BADLY...
ガクン
HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER,
AND HOW MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE YOU WANT TO SACRIFICE... I TOLD HER EVERY-THING.
SHE HADN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU AT ALL.
I HANDED YOUR PRESENT TO HER...

THAT MOST RECENT DEVICE YOU DEVELOPED...
YOUR MOST WONDERFUL MOTHER...
SHE HOPED YOU WOULDN'T PULL THE TRIGGER.
BUT YOU DID.
NO...
I HEARD IT TOO, WATANABE...
THE SOUND OF LOSING SOMETHING PRECIOUS...
NO...

RATHER THAN 'POP'...
IT PROBABLY WENT SOMETHING LIKE 'KABOOM'!
NO-OO-O-OO-O!!

"SHUYA!"
"WELL DONE,"
MOM...

THAT IS MY REVENGE.
THE REAL HELL STARTS NOW,
TAKING YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS BECOMING A BETTER PERSON AGAIN.

HAHA...
WHO AM I
KIDDING?

THE PAIN OF LOSING SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
THE AGONY OF CHASING AFTER YOUR PRECIOUS DREAMS.
FEELINGS THAT AREN'T THE SAME, BUT ARE VERY SIMILAR.
FEELINGS THAT ARE FAMILIAR TO ANYONE
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